

Teaching Innovation Award

Preamble

The [Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning](#) (SCOTL) established the **Teaching Innovation Award** (TIA) to recognize faculty who have demonstrated outstanding teaching innovation that results in a significantly enhanced learning experience for students at the Mount.

The award fosters achievement of teaching and learning excellence and recognition of same at the Mount, as identified in Goal One of the University's strategic plan [Mount 2017: Making a Difference](#).

Eligibility

All current members of faculty, full-time or part-time; individuals or teams.

Criteria

All forms of teaching innovation are eligible, provided their effectiveness in improving learning is demonstrated. Projects and strategies must have been implemented within the last five (5) years. Areas of innovation may include but are not limited to:

- curriculum development or course design
- course materials
- methods of evaluation
- application of learning technologies
- collaborative learning
- experiential or community-based learning
- non-credit professional development projects

Nominations

Nominations may be made by students, faculty colleagues, administrators, alumnae and community partners. Individuals or groups may apply or be nominated. The nomination file is to be submitted to the Office of the Vice-President (Academic) and all required letters are to be addressed to the Vice-President (Academic).

The nomination file will include:

- a succinct description of the innovation (not to exceed 1 page)
- a statement of the rationale for the innovation (not to exceed 1 page)
- at least four letters, two of which must be from peers and two of which must be from students, which describe the unique aspects of the innovation and explain the impact of the innovation on student learning
- the results of evaluations of the innovation and its impact on learning
- supporting documentation such as course outlines or curricula, samples of materials, program promotional materials, evidence of recognition of the innovation both inside and outside the institution, and any other information which might be helpful to the Selection Committee

Adjudication

SCOTL will serve as the Selection Committee, and may invite others to join the committee if specialized expertise is required. More than one award may be granted each year. SCOTL may select one winner from each Faculty if appropriate. However, this award is not automatic and will not necessarily be made every year.

Deadline: Nominations are due to the Office of the Vice-President (Academic) by Friday, February 28, 2014.

Decision: The SCOTL Chair will notify the award winner and the other nominees of the Selection Committee's decision by April 1.

Award: A framed certificate and a copy of the citation will be presented to the recipient(s) of this award at spring convocation.

SCOTL: The winner(s) of the Teaching Innovation Award will be invited to serve on SCOTL for the next academic year.

[Association of Atlantic Universities \(AAU\) Distinguished Teaching Award:](#) The winner(s) (maximum of 2) of the TIA may be eligible to be nominated by the Mount for this regional teaching award. The nomination files are submitted electronically from the President's office to the AAU office no later than May 15.

Please direct any questions about the Mount's TIA or the AAU DTA to SCOTL.

Approved by Senate: January 2009