



Senate Committee on Research and Publications

Early Career Research Award

Purpose

The Early Career Research Award, given to an early-career full-time faculty member, recognizes the individual's commitment and achievement as a contributor to the research community and to the research climate at Mount Saint Vincent University.

This award serves to reward excellence and achievement in research, not only recognizing the achievements of a given early career faculty member, but also emphasizing the important role of research in university life. A certificate will be awarded at Spring convocation, and the recipient's faculty photo and research profile will be displayed on the Research Office website. The award will stand as a testament to the significant contribution of research to the University.

Eligibility

The Early Career Research Award is open to all full-time re-appointed tenure-track or tenured faculty members, up to year eight of a career at Mount Saint Vincent University. **The research contributions affiliated with Mount Saint Vincent University will be given the greatest weight in the evaluation of this award.**

Nomination Process

- Nominations can be made by any faculty member to the Committee on Research and Publications.
- In consultation with the relevant Department Chair, a Dean may also nominate a candidate.
- Nominations, including all supporting documentation, must be received by the Committee on Research and Publications prior to the deadline noted below. Items received after the deadline will not be considered for adjudication by the committee.
 - If a member of the Committee on Research and Publications is nominated for this award, they must recuse themselves from adjudication of that year's award. If a member of the Committee on Research and Publications has nominated a colleague for the award, they must also recuse themselves from adjudication.

Nomination Package

A complete nomination package consists of up to three nomination letters; the candidate's CV; and no more than three examples of scholarly work*. The nomination letter has an open format, but nominators are required to address the following:

- Overall contribution to the research climate at Mount Saint Vincent University, demonstrated via:
 - Peer-reviewed scholarly publications (e.g. journal articles, books, chapters in books)
 - Other dissemination of research
 - External and internal research grants awarded
 - Mentorship and engagement of students in research activities (specifically, thesis supervision, directed studies/research, research assistantship, graduate project seminars, etc.)
 - Honours and awards received for research activity
 - Other contributions of research to the discipline and/or to the community (for example, professional activities, research-related committee membership, etc.)

One complete nomination package must be submitted to the Research Office electronically to research@msvu.ca prior to the deadline.

*Where applicable, these items will be held at the Research Office for review by the committee members and will be returned to the nominee after the adjudication.

Adjudication

Nominations will be submitted to the Committee on Research and Publications. This committee is a standing committee of Senate, and its membership is representative of all major scholarly areas of the University. The Committee on Research and Publications will make a recommendation for the award to the President, as Chair of Senate.

Candidates deemed meritorious but not selected for the current award period will be asked if they wish for their application to remain on file for up to three years, if within the eligibility criteria. Candidates will be responsible for providing updated information (e.g., CV, any changed documents) prior to the next deadline.

Deadline

The Research Office, on behalf of the CRP, will announce the deadline for nominations for the Early Career Research Award in October of each year. The award will be presented at the following Spring Convocation.

Note: if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the nomination package will be due at 4:00 PM on the next business day.