

## Early Career Researcher Award

This annual award recognizes up to two early career Trent University promising researchers and is designed to help accelerate early-stage career faculty in building a sustainable research program.

### Eligibility:

- Candidates must be within their first five years of a TUFA permanent appointment at Trent University (note: the Selection Committee will consider personal leave circumstances)
- Self-nomination is acceptable
- Canada Research Chairs are not included in the pool of applicants
- Recipients of the award will not be eligible for future nomination

### Selection Criteria:

- This award is aimed at recognizing and supporting promising early career researchers.
- The intent of the award is to offer recognition and one-time funding to support an individual investigator's research activities toward the development of strong, competitive submissions to external, peer-reviewed research sponsors.
- Successful candidates are expected to develop and submit competitive research proposals within two years of the award's start date.
- Aligned with the Tri-council Dimensions charter, Trent's Early Career Researcher Award aims to "foster increased research excellence, innovation and creativity" within the university "across all disciplines, through greater equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI)." Dimensions Charter: equity, diversity and inclusion, CIHR- NSERC-SSHRC, Canada, 2019.

### Use of Funds:

- Research equipment and supplies, research services, research support and student salaries/stipends, and dissemination of research results are eligible expenses.
- Travel and subsistence costs are not eligible.

### Award Amount:

- \$ 5,000 will be awarded annually for up to two early career researchers in the form of a research grant.

### Nomination Instructions:

A Call for Nominations for the Early Career Researcher Award will be issued in early January each year. A complete application, due by March 1, includes the following:

- A Nomination Form comprising the candidate's name, contact information, signature and one to two paragraphs outlining the suitability of the candidate referencing the selection criteria above
- A 3-5 year research plan (no more than 2 pages) written in cognate discipline language

- The researcher's CV
- A Funds Allocation Form that briefly outlines plans for use of the \$5,000 award
- 2 reference letters as solicited by the candidate: at least one must be external to Trent University

#### Evaluation:

The Vice President, Research & Innovation will share the nominations with the Research Policy Committee (representing faculty, TCSA and GSA) at their March meeting for the Committee's recommendation of the successful nomination.

Applications will be evaluated by the Research Policy Committee according to the following criteria:

- Candidate's scholarly productivity in the context of the career stage, research context and personal circumstances (as evidenced in the CV)
- Potential, quality, impact and originality of proposed research (as evidenced in the multi-year research plan)
- Proposed use and impact of the funds (as evidenced in the Funds Allocation Form)
- Candidate's developing student supervisory capacity (as evidenced in CV and/or research plan)
- Candidate's competitive grant-seeking record (as evidenced in CV and/or ORI record of application)

#### Award acceptance:

- The Award recipient will be advised of the honour (to accept/decline) confidentially.
- The Communications department will work with the recipient in order to build a news story to be held under embargo and released at a future date.
- The Early Career Researcher Award will be announced at the annual Spring Excellence in Teaching & Research Celebration event.

#### Further Information:

For any questions regarding the Early Career Researcher Award, please email [research@trentu.ca](mailto:research@trentu.ca)

