

Trent University Research Impact Award



This annual award recognizes the Trent University researcher or research team stewarding original and impactful research which has contributed significantly to society (local, regional, national or international).

<u>Deadline for submissions:</u>	<u>Who is eligible for award nomination?</u>
March 20, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any faculty, staff, post doc, adjunct, associate or team affiliated with Trent University research can nominate or stand for nomination• The individual, or if a team, the Principal Investigator, must be formally affiliated with Trent University for at least 3 years• Self-nomination is acceptable• Students are not eligible for this award, unless they are key members of the nominated research team

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated impact of research beyond the university community (reach) - refers to the extent to which the research has been disseminated and engaged with by audiences beyond traditional academic circles and/or among underrepresented groups, e.g. community outreach, media engagement, and knowledge mobilization;
- Demonstrated impact of research exceeding regular or expected activity (exceptionality) - refers to the significant and measurable changes brought about by the research in terms of thought, practice, policy, and/or societal benefits.

The Vice President, Research & Innovation (VPRI) will share the top three nominations with the Research Policy Committee (representing faculty, TCSA and GSA) in April of each year for the Committee's recommendation of the successful nomination. The VPRI will present the award at the Heart of Trent employee appreciation event in May of each year. The award includes a framed certificate and a \$500 cash award for investment in the research project if still ongoing or promotion of same if already completed.

Trent University Research Impact Award: Nomination form

Nomination deadline: March 20, 2026 (4:30 pm) to [Strategic Research Initiatives Coordinator](#)

NOMINEE:

TRENT UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER OR RESEARCH TEAM (LIST EACH MEMBER):

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Phone Extension</u>	<u>Email</u>
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NOMINATOR:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Phone Extension</u>	<u>Email</u>
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DESCRIPTION OF OUTSTANDING RESEARCH IMPACT:

Addressing the three criteria below, please attach to this form an explanation of why the research is worthy of this award. Two letters of support to this nomination are required: one internal Trent University letter and one letter which is external to Trent University. Please note that no CV is required.

1. Overview of the research (500 words)
2. Describe, beyond traditional outputs (citation count, h-index), demonstrated research impact measures such as changes in policy, practice, public awareness, societal benefits, etc. (1,000 words)
3. What makes this research unique and innovative? (500 words)

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