



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council (September 23, 2016)
Faculty Council (October 25, 2016)

From: Professor David Sinton
Chair, Research Committee

Date: August 5, 2016

Re: Revised Terms of Reference for Faculty Research Leader Award

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

This is a major policy matter that will be considered by the Executive Committee for endorsing and forwarding to Faculty Council for vote as a regular motion (requiring a simple majority of members present and voting to carry).

BACKGROUND

The revision below limits the lifetime of a submitted application to two years, and requires a one year delay before resubmission. The motivation is to encourage new applications and ensure all applications are up to date for consideration in this important program.

RECOMMENDED REVISION(S)

Eligibility

The Faculty Research Leader Award is open to any faculty member or group of faculty members:

- a) with a primary appointment in Engineering,
- b) who have not previously won the award, and
- c) who are not part of the Faculty Senior Management Team.

Value of the Award

The recipient(s) of the award will receive a research stipend total amount of \$10,000 and a commemorative award.

The research stipend will be distributed equally among group recipients.

Nomination Guidelines

Candidates nominated for the Faculty Research Leader Award will be assessed on the basis of demonstrating excellence in the Faculty's research mission as follows:

- leadership in interdisciplinary and multiple investigator initiatives that have enhanced the Faculty's research profile within the broader community
- significant research leadership contributions that have made an impact on their department/institute/U of T/society
- coordination of major research projects involving multiple disciplines and/or multiple investigators, which benefit the Faculty as a whole
- development of major new industrial partnerships involving multiple faculty members
- academic leadership

Evidence of excellence in one or more of the above categories will be derived from the candidate's supporting documentation, including:

- support of the Faculty's research community through, mentoring of students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty members
- contribution in promoting the Faculty's research profile nationally and internationally
- supporting and enhancing multidisciplinary research initiatives
- collaboration and success in large scale and novel research funding competitions

Supporting Documentation

The dossier submitted in support of the candidate(s) must include:

- a letter of nomination written by the Director(s) or Chair(s) of the candidate(s) department, division or institute. The letter should serve as the nomination letter
- candidate(s) CV

- maximum of five letters per nomination from colleagues in a position to evaluate the candidate(s) research contributions. These may include letters from outside the Faculty and U of T.

Selection Procedure

- a) Directors and Chairs of departments, divisions, and institutes will be invited by the Office of the Dean to nominate one candidate for the award.
- b) The nominations will be considered by the Faculty Research Committee.
- c) The Committee reserves the right to not choose an award winner in a given year.
- d) The nomination of a given candidate can be considered for up to two consecutive years. If a nomination has not succeeded after two years, the resubmission of the nomination must be delayed by one year.

PROPOSAL/MOTION

THAT the proposed revision to the terms of the Faculty Research Leader Award, as described in Report 3509, be approved effective the 2016-17 academic year.