2024 Call for Nominations:
The President’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching & Learning

On behalf of President David Farrar, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Teaching & Learning is pleased to invite nominations for the 2024 President’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching & Learning.

Award Description

The President’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching & Learning is the highest honour for teaching excellence at McMaster University. It recognizes the sustained contributions of an individual or group to education through innovation, excellence in teaching, and enhanced student learning, usually over a period of five or more years. Winners receive a citation of excellence shared at Convocation, a $3,000 honorarium, an inscription on a plaque, and an invitation to the President’s Retreat.

Outstanding contributions to teaching and learning may be demonstrated by evidence of the intellectual growth of students that results from innovative teaching in the classroom, mentorship of students, development of novel and effective educational materials, or forms of educational leadership that promote teaching and learning within and beyond McMaster. Outstanding educators should also hone their expertise through professional learning and development.

How to Nominate an Educator

If you know an outstanding educator who ensures students have positive and effective learning experiences, please consider nominating them for this award.

Nominators must submit a two-page nomination brief and the nominee’s abridged CV in a single PDF document to the Office of the Vice-Provost, Teaching & Learning by 6 November 2023.

A shortlist of nominees will be approved by early December to advance to Stage 2. These nominees will develop a 35-page awards portfolio, due to the Office of the Vice-Provost, Teaching & Learning by 29 February 2024.

Support and Inquiries

For questions about the timeline, eligibility, and adjudication, please see the award webpage on the VPTL website or contact Grants and Awards Specialist Sam Clarke.

For support with developing a nomination brief or awards portfolio, please see the award webpage on the MacPherson Institute website, or contact Educational Developer Jenny Blaney.