

## VANIER COLLEGE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

2012-2013

### PREAMBLE

Vanier's Mission Statement commits the college to "...maintaining the highest possible standards of teaching... (and)...promoting the dedication, mutual cooperation and continuous professional growth of our faculty...in order to enrich the learning environment..." Consistent with such a pledge this award constitutes a formal recognition of an example of the excellence in teaching at Vanier College.

### OBJECTIVE

To honour a faculty member:

- who has exhibited excellence in teaching at Vanier College.
- whose teaching methodology and philosophy have contributed to the success of students and programs alike.
- who has demonstrated mastery of traditional modes of instruction or developed innovative curriculum or delivery models.

### ELIGIBILITY

Any current full-time or part-time faculty member of Vanier College who has demonstrated excellence in teaching over several years. A teacher in any discipline area, from any department (including Continuing Education).

**CRITERIA** (as established by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges) in order of importance

1. ***Exemplary teaching practices which combine excellence and innovation to maximize students' assimilation of the subject matter***

This may include:

- expertise in one's teaching discipline.
- knowledge of the program of study.
- expertise in teaching strategy and methodology.
- motivation to emphasize basic abilities/skills.
- ability to organize one's class.
- adaptability of one's teaching for a diverse student population.
- description of how IT (information technology) is used in teaching.
- exchanging course materials with a colleague from another institution.
- conducting research on one's own teaching or course.
- experimenting with instructional innovations.
- participating in workshops, seminars, and professional associations.
- participating in course or curriculum development.
- preparing a textbook or other materials.
- pedagogical leadership.
- list of course materials prepared for students.

2. ***Impact on students and consequently, on the college***

This may include:

- willingness to work with others.
- ability to establish appropriate relationships with the students, administration, professionals and support personnel.
- student feedback which indicates teaching excellence and student satisfaction.

- statements from colleagues who have observed teaching.
  - evaluation of contributions to course development and improvement.
  - evidence of help given to colleagues on teaching improvement.
  - contribution to the general improvement of teaching at Vanier College through participation in College and other committees.
  - statements about teaching achievements from administrators.
  - professionally-related invitations based on one's reputation as a teacher.
3. ***Creativity in meeting the challenge with available physical and financial resources***  
This may include:
- motivation to do what needs to be done.
  - ability to find solutions to problems.
  - an open and curious spirit; imagination and creativity.
  - a questioning, searching sense.
4. ***Effective use of the environment in which the nominee teaches***  
This may include:
- demonstrating initiative and success in implementing learning outside the classroom.
  - making use of resources in the community, e.g. guest speakers, field trips, etc. to enhance learning.
  - using elements in the environment creatively to facilitate the learning process.

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NOMINATION FORM**

NOMINEE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
FACULTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY NOMINATE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR RECOGNITION.  
(Nominee's Name)

THE NOMINEE ACCEPTS THIS NOMINATION:  YES

NOMINATOR'S PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ (VANIER) \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME)

I REPRESENT MYSELF

_____ (Name)	_____ (Signature)
AND	
_____ (Name)	_____ (Signature)
_____ (Name)	_____ (Signature)
_____ (Name)	_____ (Signature)

**You are strongly encouraged to submit this nomination form to the 2012-2013 Teaching Excellence Award Committee, c/o Academic Dean's Office, by Tuesday, April 2, 2013.**

**In addition to the nomination form, the following documents must be submitted to the Committee, c/o Academic Dean's Office, by Friday, April 26, 2013:**

1. A SUBMISSION JUSTIFYING THE NOMINATION (2 TO 3 PAGES).
2. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (3 TO 8 PAGES PLUS THE CANDIDATE'S C.V.).  
(Letters of support from students and/or colleagues, examples of exceptional contributions to the college, etc...)
3. ONE PAGE SUMMARY IN POINT FORM HIGHLIGHTING MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING EXCELLENCE.

*Students: Please consider putting in a nomination form as a team. Also, note that advice and support in preparing a nomination package is available from:*

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