



Researcher of the Year – 2021 Competition

Procedure	Deadline
Notice of Nomination and CV submitted to the dean	Friday, December 4, 2020
Deans submit their choice of applicants to ORS	Wednesday, January 6, 2021, by noon
ORS informs faculty which applicants will proceed to adjudication committee	Thursday, January 7, 2021
Full Nomination Package submitted to ORS	Monday, January 25, 2021, by 4pm

DETAILS

The Researcher of the Year (RoY) awards were established in 2009 to recognize and celebrate excellence in research and creative scholarly activity at UBC Okanagan. The Researcher of the Year event brings the campus research community together and provides opportunities for faculty, staff and senior administrators to celebrate research excellence.

There are three faculty categories:

- Health
- Social Sciences & Humanities
- Natural Sciences & Engineering

ELIGIBILITY

Any member of the professoriate with a continuing appointment at UBC Okanagan is eligible for the award. Previous recipients of the award will be ineligible for the same award for a period of ten years. Faculty members may not apply for the award on their own behalf; they must be nominated. Unsuccessful nominations from previous years will not be carried forward to the following year's competition.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Faculty, deans, unit heads, alumni and students are invited to submit nominations. Each faculty may nominate a maximum of three individuals and are responsible for determining their own nomination process.

- **Notice of Nomination Form and CV submitted to the dean** (Friday, December 4, 2020)
“Notice of Nomination” form should be completed by the nominator and signed off by the nominee. *Please note that internal selection may occur at the faculty level.*
- **Deans submit Notice of Nomination Forms and CVs to ORS** (Wednesday, January 6, 2021, by noon) Nominating faculties will submit the “Notice of Nomination” and the nominee’s UBC CV electronically to the Office of Research Services ResearchOffice.UBCO@ubc.ca. The nominations will be reviewed by the vice-principal, research and innovation, and recommendations may be made to move nominees from one category to another.



- **ORS informs faculties** (Thursday, January 7, 2021)
The Office of Research Services will notify nominating faculties of the nominees invited to submit a full nomination. Faculties will complete a nomination package for each candidate.
- **Full Nomination Package submitted to ORS** (Monday, January 25, 2021, by 4pm)
Full Nomination Packages will consist of a *single PDF document* that includes the following (in order):
 - [Nomination form](#)
 - Letter of nomination (2 pages max)
 - Most significant research achievements provided by nominee (1 page max)
 - Nominee's curriculum vitae
 - 2 reference letters. Letters should be objective assessments of the nominee's suitability for the award. *Active RoY selection committee members may not provide reference letters.*Full nomination packages must be sent electronically to ResearchOffice.UBCO@ubc.ca

ADJUDICATION PROCESS

The nominations will be adjudicated by a RoY selection committee that includes past RoY recipients and associate deans of research. A committee will be convened and chaired by the vice-principal, research and innovation.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The award will recognize strengths in one or more of the following criteria:

- A significant breakthrough in research
- A distinguished record of research
- Development of an interdisciplinary approach to research
- Support and guidance for students in research
- Integration of research into undergraduate education
- A significant contribution to a research community or agency
- Tri-Council achievement is desirable, but not required

AWARD DETAILS

Recipients of this award will receive a cash prize of \$1,000, and a video that features their research. The awards will be announced at the UBC Okanagan Researcher of the Year Awards Reception in May. Award recipients will be required to:

- be available for interviews with UBC Studios in February and filming in March
- attend the Researcher of the Year event to accept their award
- participate on Researcher of the Year adjudication committee for a three year term