



Student Researcher of the Year – 2021 Competition

Procedure	Deadline
Nominator submits Nomination Letter to the dean	Friday, December 4, 2020, by 4pm
Nominator submits full nomination package to the dean	Friday, January 8, 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, senior administrators, and students to celebrate research excellence.

There are two student categories:

- Master's
- PhD

ELIGIBILITY

Any graduate student (Master's or PhD) enrolled at UBC Okanagan is eligible for the award.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Faculty, deans, unit heads, alumni and students are invited to submit nominations. Students may not apply for the award on their own behalf. *Active Researcher of the Year Committee members may not submit nominations and cannot provide reference letters for nominees.*

- **Nominator submits Nomination Letter to the dean** (Friday, December 4, 2020, by 4pm)
Nominators should submit a nomination letter to the dean notifying them of the candidate that they would like to nominate for the Student Researcher of the Year.

Please note that internal selection may occur at the Faculty level. Each faculty should put forward their best nominations.

- **Nominator submits Full Nomination package to the dean** (Friday, January 8, 2021)
Nominators will complete the full nomination package and submit it to the dean of the nominee's faculty. Full Nomination Packages will consist of a *single PDF document* that includes the following (in order):
 - [Nomination form](#)
 - Letter of Nomination (1 page max)
 - Nominee's Curriculum Vitae
 - Impact statement on the nominee's work completed by the student nominee (half-page max)
 - 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.*



- **Deans submit Full Nomination Package to ORS (Monday, January 25, 2021, 4pm)**
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, and the dean, College of Graduate Studies (or delegate). 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
- Use of an interdisciplinary approach to research
- A significant contribution to a research community or agency

AWARD DETAILS

There are two awardees: one award to be provided to a Master's level student and one award to be provided to a PhD level student. Recipients of this award, will receive a cash prize of \$500, and a video that features their research. 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
- attend the UBC Okanagan Researcher of the Year Awards Reception in May