



Student Researcher of the Year – 2022 Competition

Procedure	Deadline
Nominator submits Nomination Letter to the dean	Friday, December 3, 2021, by 4pm
Dean selects nominee for full nomination	Friday, January 7, 2022
Full Nomination Package submitted to ORS	Monday, January 24, 2022, 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.

ELIGIBILITY

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

NOMINATION PROCESS

Faculty, unit heads, alumni and students are invited to submit nominations for Master's or PhD students to this award. 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 3, 2021, by 4pm)
Nominators 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.
- **Dean selects one nominee to move forward with a full nomination package** (Friday, January 7, 2022)
If a Faculty has more than one nominee, it should undertake an internal selection process to pick its top candidate to move forward for a full nomination. The details of this process are to be decided by the Faculty with a top candidate to be selected by January 7th.
- **Nominator submits Full Nomination package to ORS** (Monday, January 24, 2022, by 4pm)
Full nomination packages must sent electronically to ResearchOffice.UBCO@ubc.ca

Full Nomination Package consists of a *single PDF document* that includes the following (in order):

- Nomination Form
- Letter of Nomination (1 page max)
- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae
- Most significant research achievements (provided by the nominee; half-page max)
- 1 reference letter. Letter should provide an objective assessment of the nominee's suitability for the award. *Active RoY selection committee members may not provide reference letters.*



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

The recipient of this award will receive a cash prize of \$500, and a video that features their research. The award recipient will be required to:

- be available for interviews with UBC Studios in February and filming in March
- attend the UBC Okanagan Researcher of the Year Awards Reception in May