



## Student Researcher of the Year – 2022 Competition

Procedure	Deadline
Nominator submits Nomination Letter to the dean	Friday, December 3, 2021, by 4pm
Dean selects nominees for full nominations	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.

This award is given to a Master’s level student or a PhD level student.

### 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 students for the 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.
- ) (Friday, January 7, 2022)  
If a Faculty has more than one nominee in each category (Master’s and PhD), it should undertake an internal selection process to pick its top candidate in each category to move forward for a full nomination. The details of this process are to be decided by the Faculty with a top candidate in each category to be selected by January 7th.
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- 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 award will be provided to either a Master's level or 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 UBC Okanagan Researcher of the Year Awards Reception in May