LASSONDE FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

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STAFF AWARDS

ELIGIBILITY (FOR BOTH AWARDS)
The awards are open to any LSE staff members who do not hold faculty appointments. If a nominee is a previous recipient, this will be taken into account in the evaluation process. Awards are given to individuals only; nominations for a group will not be considered.

PROCEDURES (FOR BOTH AWARDS)
Any Lassonde or York University staff member, faculty member, graduate student or undergraduate student may submit a nomination. All nominees will be notified by the Committee of their nomination after the submission deadline has passed. All nomination letters will be kept confidential.

At the discretion of the Committee, nominees may be interviewed by the committee and additional references may be solicited.

Submissions should include nomination letters of two pages or less justifying your position that the nominee satisfies one or more of the criteria for the award, including statements of why the individual’s contributions are exceptional and deserving of the award. Nomination letters should define when contributions took place. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Awards Committee.

Award winners will be announced prior to the Awards ceremony and will be documented on the website and recognized at the annual Awards Ceremony.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Citizenship can be defined by many criteria, including the exercising of privileges like voting and holding office; however it can also be defined by one’s relationship with the community in which one is a member. Outstanding citizenship involves the quality of an individual’s character, how they act as a fellow human being in the Lassondian, York and global communities.

Outstanding citizenship is not only about treating other citizens equally and with dignity and respect; it is about mentoring others; putting others first; staying informed about issues and voices an opinion (active community participation); listening to the views of others in a respectful manner; a willingness to embrace new ideas; getting involved in community development and helping resolve issues in the community without direction from a supervisor; demonstrating behaviours that shows one cares about our environment and is concerned for the safety
and well-being of others, including standing up for others who may not have a voice; and importantly, it is about being an engaged community member and striving to make the community a better place.

**Evidence of Citizenship**

Contributing in an outstanding way to advancing the LSE mission. This may be accomplished in various ways:

- Is seen to be an active participant in Lassonde initiatives and events and finds ways to contribute
- Demonstrated exceptional service to the Faculty/university and/or community at large including voluntary participation in community groups, boards or charitable organizations
- Extended their self to help others with a high degree of excellence, professionalism and integrity in their work, which contributed significantly to improve the overall LSE environment and experience; this may include mentoring someone in the Lassonde community or inspiring or motivating others to take advantage of opportunities to enhance their own personal or professional lives
- Fostering an atmosphere of collaboration, cooperation, and creativity; regularly exhibits a willingness to help others, above and beyond normal duties
- Increasing awareness of and respect for different cultures; taking affirmative steps to help diversity in the workplace

**Innovation and Creativity**

Innovators create new ideas or ways of doing things. They take risks, show initiative, are creative in their solutions and attempt to satisfy an identified need in a new, better way. They are the first to try new ideas or processes. They are able to convince others to adopt their innovation.

**Evidence of Innovation & Creativity**

- Developed a novel, creative & innovative solution or practice, large or small in scope, to a difficult existing problem that has made a significant and positive difference, and/or improved overall effectiveness or quality, through a new method or approach or new programmatic initiative
- Developed and implemented a plan/new idea/solution/direction for the good of the community
- Generated novel and valuable ideas and used these ideas to develop new or improved processes, methods, systems, programs or services for their team, department of the college
- Displayed initiative and excellence in significantly improving systems, technical procedures, administrative practices, or to the student experience.
- Provided a creative contribution to building a brand or identity for their team, department or college
- Demonstrated an unusual ability to problem solve or effectively manage change towards the long-term success of an innovation
**Faculty Awards**

**Outstanding Service Award**

The award is made on the basis of excellence in service as a member of the Lassonde School of Engineering; the service contributions must be made at York University. In evaluating nominees, the following pieces of evidence are considered.

**Evidence for Nomination**

Service contributions should normally be made within the most recent three years preceding the date of nomination.

The nominations are based on a variety of outstanding service contributions at York University, which may include:

- Service beyond normal duties
- Outstanding Committee work
- Extraordinary public service in the university community
- Examples include public outreach activities, mentoring, development of educational resources, fundraising, supporting student organizations, supporting Lassonde or York initiatives
- Administrative excellence and length of service may not be used as the sole criteria for nomination

**Eligibility**

The awards are open to any LSE faculty members who hold a faculty appointment. If a nominee is a previous recipient, this will be taken into account in the evaluation process. Awards are given to individuals only; nominations for a group will not be considered.

**Procedures**

Any Lassonde or York University staff member, faculty member, graduate student or undergraduate student may submit a nomination. All nomination letters will be kept confidential.

At the discretion of the Committee, nominees may be interviewed by the committee and additional references may be solicited.

Submissions should include nomination letters of two pages or less justifying your position that the nominee satisfies one or more of the criteria for the award, including statements of why the individual's contributions are exceptional and deserving of the award. Nomination letters should define when contributions took place. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Awards Committee.

At the discretion of the Committee, nominees may be interviewed by the committee and additional information may be solicited.

Award winners will be announced prior to the Awards ceremony and will be documented on the website and recognized at the annual Awards Ceremony.
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The award is made on the basis of continuing excellence in teaching and other contributions to education in the Lassonde School of Engineering or at York University. In evaluating nominees, the following pieces of evidence are considered.

Evidence for Nomination

Evidence of excellence should normally be cited as occurring within the most recent three years preceding the date of nomination.

- Demonstrates pedagogical innovation
- Demonstrate substantial continuing involvement in undergraduate and graduate education
- A focus on the student and their experience
- Introduced new curricular content
- Demonstrated exceptional use of technology
- Exceptional performance in the classroom
- Is committed to, continuous high quality teaching
- Classroom Instruction
- Course Design
- Curriculum Development
- Innovative Teaching Methods
- Ability to stimulate critical and analytical thinking in students
- Ability to create an engaging and rewarding learning experience
- Innovations and creativity in teaching methods, course design, and curriculum development

Eligibility

Candidates should normally hold an appointment as a full-time or contract faculty within the Lassonde School of Engineering (LSE) at York University. If a nominee is a previous recipient, this will be taken into account in the evaluation process. Awards are given to individuals only; nominations for a group will not be considered.

Procedures

Candidates may be nominated by students (as individuals, or as groups such as classes or student clubs/associations), by staff, and by faculty members. All nomination letters will be kept confidential.

At the discretion of the Committee, nominees may be interviewed by the committee and additional references may be solicited.

Submissions should include nomination letters of two pages or less justifying your position that the nominee satisfies one or more of the criteria for the award, including statements of why the individual’s contributions are exceptional and deserving of the award. Nomination letters should define when contributions took place.

At the discretion of the Committee, Course Evaluations may be solicited from the nominee’s department, the committee may interview nominees and additional information may be solicited.

Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Awards Committee.
Students with questions about the nomination process may wish to consult either LSE's Student Welcome & Support Centre or the appropriate Chair or Director.

Award winners will be announced prior to the Awards ceremony and will be documented on the website and recognized at the annual Awards Ceremony. Award recipients will be featured in an annual public lecture/seminar in the following academic year.

**Faculty Awards related to Research will be announced separately.**