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Awards for Faculty – J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research Application and Selection Procedure

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| Parent Policy: | Awards for Faculty Excellence Policy |
| Office of Administrative Responsibility: | Office of the Vice-President (Research) |
| Approver: | Vice-President (Research) |
| Scope: | Compliance with University procedure extends to all members of the University community. |

Overview

J. Gordin Kaplan, the first Vice-President (Research) at the University of Alberta, created the University Research Prize, which was first presented in 1982. The University Research Prize was renamed in 1988 in order to pay special tribute to the memory of J. Gordin Kaplan. The Award is now known as the J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research. It is the most prestigious University of Alberta research award.

Two awards are presented annually to laud outstanding work in distinct fields of research:

- Excellence in the general area of Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Education, and Fine Arts, and
- Excellence in the Sciences or Engineering.

Purpose

To recognize and honour faculty members:

- a. whose research contributions, both fundamental and applied, add significantly to our knowledge base,
- b. who are recognized nationally and internationally for what they have accomplished as scholars, and
- c. who set a standard of excellence for other University of Alberta faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and for the community-at-large.

PROCEDURE

Each Faculty may submit one nomination for the J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research. The Faculty of Arts may submit two nominations provided that the nominees are selected from different divisions within that Faculty (Social Sciences, Humanities, and Fine Arts).

Each nomination must contain appropriate documentation. Please refer to the *J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research Terms of Reference and Application Process* for the details on the appropriate documentation that is required for each nomination.

Each nomination must be compiled in a specific format. Please refer to the *J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research Terms of Reference and Application Process* for the information on the compilation of the nomination.

Records that arise from this competition will be managed in accordance with the provisions of the *Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

One awardee from each field will be selected by a Jury that will be comprised of the Vice-President (Research), the Associate Vice-President (Research), and representatives from the University and the off-campus community.

The three main criteria that will be used by the Jury for the assessment of the nominees are:

- a. quality of research,
- b. impact of research on the advancement of the field, both nationally and internationally, and
- c. distinction which the research has brought to the University of Alberta.

Each Award consists of a \$5000 cash prize and an engraved plaque of recognition.

Awardees automatically become members of the *Academy of Kaplan Laureates*, and they may use the title of J. Gordin Kaplan Laureate in perpetuity.

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