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McCalla Professorship Application and Selection Procedure

Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
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Scope:	Compliance with this university procedure extends to all Academic Staff in category A1.1 or A1.6 as outlined in the Recruitment Policy (Appendix A) Definition and Categories of Academic Staff, Administrators and Colleagues (UAPPOL)

Overview

The McCalla Professorships are named after Dr. Arthur Gilbert McCalla. A renowned agriculturalist, researcher, and academic leader, McCalla was the first Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. The McCalla Professors are outstanding academics who have made (and continue to make) significant contributions to the integration of teaching and research, and educational leadership. The professorship gives candidates an opportunity to further combine their teaching and research in ways that are mutually beneficial. For example, academics may propose a project that uses their disciplinary research to enrich their teaching in innovative ways and/or study the effectiveness of their novel teaching and learning methods. The McCalla Professorship also provides recipients with a venue for further educational leadership through the **McCalla Professor Group**.

Purpose

The purpose of the McCalla Professorship is to provide outstanding academics with funding for initiatives related to the integration of teaching and research and provide a venue for educational leadership through the McCalla Professor Group.

PROCEDURE

1. ELIGIBILITY

This is an equal opportunity award and is merit based. All Associate and Full Professors (Categories A1.1 and A1.6) at the University of Alberta may apply. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women; First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply. A McCalla Professorship can only be awarded once in a faculty member's career.

2. SELECTION PROCESSES

The McCalla Professors are determined by a process of nomination and selection which is dependent upon the size of the Faculty. Small Faculties' candidates are adjudicated as a group by a **Selection Committee**. Large Faculties select the McCalla Professor using the guidelines described in this document and criteria listed on the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) website. The following Large Faculties are responsible for their own adjudication processes:

- a. Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
- b. Arts
- c. Alberta School of Business
- d. Education
- e. Engineering
- f. Medicine and Dentistry
- g. Science

The following Small Faculties are adjudicated as a group by a Selection Committee:

- a. Augustana Campus
- b. Campus Saint-Jean
- c. Extension
- d. Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation
- e. Law
- f. Native Studies
- g. Nursing
- h. Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- i. Rehabilitation Medicine
- j. School of Public Health

In the Small Faculties group, the Selection Committee will consider one application per eligible Faculty. If more than one application is received within a Faculty, that Faculty must conduct an internal adjudication.

For further details on the submission process, please see the CTL website.

3. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The following criteria will be used when selecting eligible applicants:

- Evidence of a career commitment to teaching excellence, integrating research and teaching, and educational leadership
- Innovation in the project or planned activities
- Impact of the project or planned activities on student learning and alignment with *For the Public Good*

4. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Professorships are tenable at the University of Alberta for twenty-four (24) months beginning September 1. As is customary in each Department or Faculty, the Chair and/or Dean will assign teaching responsibilities.

Any significant changes to the activities planned shall be forwarded to the Selection Committee Chair in small Faculties or to the Dean in large Faculties for approval. The Dean may consult with the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) prior to approval. No major supplementary professional activities will be approved for the period of the Professorship. Professors are expected to maintain their graduate and committee responsibilities during this period. Leave eligibility will not be affected. There will be no limitation on Departmental or Faculty privileges and rights, nor any unusual limitations on access to university or other research funds.

Reporting on the activities conducted will be required and recipients will be asked to present on their McCalla activities to their peers.

5. VALUE

Funds in the amount of \$20,000 (total) will be available for approved projects and activities. These funds may be used for a variety of purposes and in a combination of ways, (e.g., hiring a graduate teaching or research assistant, developing a new teaching technology, travel to conferences, partial payment of a post-doctoral fellow, or to give the professor time for the project with release from other duties). No portion of the award may be taken as salary. Funds are held by the University and spent as outlined in the approved application and in accordance with University of

Alberta policies and procedures. The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) may request the return of unspent funds following completion of the Professorship.

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. [▲ Top](#)

McCalla Professor Group

The McCalla Professors meet regularly as a group with the Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives) and the Academic Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning. The Professors may be asked to participate in a range of University events such as public lectures, new faculty orientations and/or workshops. The McCalla Professor Group will also be asked to identify potential applicants for other awards and encourage applications/nominations.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be composed of:

- Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives), Chair
- Vice-President (Research) or delegate
- Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research or delegate
- Academic Director, Center for Teaching and Learning or delegate
- Dean or representative from each small Faculty:
 - Augustana Campus
 - Campus Saint-Jean
 - Extension
 - Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation
 - Law
 - Native Studies
 - Nursing
 - Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
 - Rehabilitation Medicine
 - School of Public Health
- Resource persons as required in a non-voting capacity

The quorum for the Selection Committee shall be that only two members may be absent from any meeting where decisions are made. Its proceedings are to be confidential.

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