The McLean Award – Nomination Package

Application Deadline: January 15, 2020

NOMINATION PACKAGE

Nomination materials are to be submitted to the Connaught Secretariat (connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca) in PDF format as **one** file using the naming convention: LastFirst_McLeanNomination_2020. The PDF file must contain the following documents in this order:

1. A letter from the Chair/Director of the academic unit, or Dean/Principal of a non-departmentalized division (up to two pages), which addresses the following:
   - An outline as to why the nominee should be considered for this award, with emphasis on demonstrated excellence, contributions to, and impact on, the field, society and, if applicable, industry;
   - The nominee's publication record, specifically addressing publication norms within the discipline;
   - An explanation as to how this award could help the nominee advance their research program.

2. A statement (up to three pages) summarizing the nominee's research program, addressing the following:
   - the demonstrated and sustained impact of the nominee's achievements;
   - the significance and promise of this area of research;
   - the nominee's future research plans, identifying both short-term and long-term objectives;
   - a discussion of how equity, diversity, and inclusion have been addressed in current/future plans for the development of the research team; and
   - an explanation of any significant career interruptions and/or special circumstances that may have affected the research productivity.

3. A complete C.V., including a list of all refereed publications and research awards or distinctions. **Identify the 3 most significant contributions.**

4. a) Name, institution and contact information for 3 referees who will submit letters of support.

   b) Letters of support from three internationally recognized experts in the field (who represent no conflict of interest[1]) and can comment objectively on the scholarly standing of the nominee and the significance of their research program. **Letters of support are to be sent directly, by the referee, to the Connaught Secretariat (connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca) by no later than February 1, 2020.**

---

[1] *Tri-Agencies and CFI wherein a conflict of interest may come into play if an external reviewer has collaborated, published or shared funding with the applicant within the past six years.*

Letters of support must address the following:
- Level of excellence and impact of the nominee's scientific and scholarly contributions to date; and
- Significance and promise of the nominee's research program.

The McLean Award is intended to support **basic** research in the fields of physics, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, engineering sciences, and the theory and methods of statistics. The onus is on the nominator to ensure that the nominee's research program meets the mandate of the McLean award.

The University of Toronto recognizes that diversity is essential to the creation of a vibrant intellectual community that allows our researchers to maximize their creativity and their contributions. The Connaught Committee is therefore strongly committed to diversity in research and especially welcomes applications that engage racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal Peoples of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

The University also acknowledges that scholars have varying career paths and that career interruptions due to personal circumstances can be part of an excellent academic record. Review panel members have been instructed to give careful consideration to—and to be sensitive to the impact of—career interruptions in their assessments.

All nominees to this funding opportunity are required to answer the University of Toronto's Employment Equity Survey. In completing this survey, nominees may voluntarily self-identify in all applicable groups, or they may log a response indicating that they decline the survey. Self-identification data is important to the University's ability to accurately identify barriers to inclusion and to develop strategies to eliminate these barriers. Any information directly related to the nominee is confidential and cannot be accessed by the reviewers. *Aggregated* results as of the closing of this posting will be sent to the Research Equity and Diversity Strategist and may be accessed by only a small number of designated senior administrators within the Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Only final McLean Award nomination packages are to be submitted to the Connaught Secretariat (connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca) in PDF format as **one file** using the naming convention: LastFirst_McLeanNomination_2019-20.

Please ensure the nomination is presented according to the following specifications:
- Single-spaced
- Body text in a minimum 12 pt font
- All margins set at a minimum of 1 inch
- Condensed fonts will not be accepted

For program queries, contact Michael Hussey, Research Funding Manager, Internal Programs, at 416-978-3211 or m.hussey@utoronto.ca

---