



The McLean Award – Nomination Package

Application Deadline: March 31, 2022

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_2021-22. The PDF file must contain the following documents in this order:

1. A letter (up to two pages) from the Chair/Director of the academic unit, or Dean/Principal of a non-departmentalized division, which addresses the following:
 - an outline as to why the nominee should be considered for this award, with emphasis on demonstrated excellence in the field and contributions to/impact on the field, society and, if applicable, industry;
 - the nominee's publication record, specifically addressing publication norms within the discipline; and
 - 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 training and mentorship activities;
 - impact on Indigenous individuals, communities, peoples, topics, lands, or areas of interest, if applicable; 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 three most significant contributions.**
4. a) The name, institutional affiliation and contact information for three internationally recognized experts in the field (who represent no conflict of interest¹ and can comment objectively), who will submit letters of support describing the scholarly standing of the nominee and the significance of their research program.
b) Letters of support from these three referees. **Letters of support are to be sent directly, by the**

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.

referee, to the Connaught Secretariat (connaught.secretariat@utoronto.ca) by no later than **April 15, 2022**.

Letters of support must address the following:

- the level of excellence and impact of the nominee's scientific and scholarly contributions to date; and
- the 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 Fund is therefore strongly committed to diversity in research and especially welcomes nominations of racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal Peoples of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ 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, available through Employee Self-Service, by no later than the nomination deadline. Applicants may voluntarily self-identify in any of the groups, or log a response indicating that they decline the survey. Self-identification data is important to the University's ability to accurately identify barriers to participation and to develop strategies to eliminate these barriers. 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 (VPRI). Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by the reviewers or VPRI staff. The aggregated information will be used by VPRI as part of our ongoing efforts to embed principles of equity, diversity and inclusion in the administration of internal funding programs. If you have already completed the survey, thank you; your responses will be included in the aggregated results.

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_2020-21.

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