Faculty Honours and Awards Dashboards: Overview

The **Honours and Awards Dashboards** are a new addition to the Division of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation (VPRI)'s self-service data analytics platform, the <u>VPRI Dashboards</u>. The VPRI Dashboards enable divisional administrators to access University research data for data-informed decision making.

Purpose

The Honours and Awards (H&A) Dashboards illustrate the volume and types of H&A received by faculty during their appointments at University of Toronto. They provide access to reliable records of faculty research, creative professional activity, teaching, and leadership awards, distinctions, prestigious fellowships, and prizes, for use in <u>quality assurance self-studies</u> and <u>nomination strategies</u>.

The dashboards address the challenge of consistently tracking faculty achievements by:

- Providing a central, curated data platform, updated quarterly, that integrates difficult-to-access information from awarding organizations, divisional/unit records and faculty CVs.
- Providing verified lists of recipients of internal awards for faculty and of major national and international awards and distinctions (e.g., national academy recognitions, tri-Agency awards).
- Enabling additions to be submitted directly for review and inclusion via a <u>Faculty H&A Reporting</u>
 <u>Form</u> received by VPRI and your <u>divisional H&A coordinator</u>, or via <u>DiscoverResearch</u> profiles.

Uses

The two dashboards, "Award Types" and "Recognition For", permit visualizations of University, Divisional or Unit H&A data which can be filtered by date ranges, sponsor or award names, and other categories. The data is downloadable in a variety of formats and can be used for:

- Insight into faculty quality and recognition. Excerpts will be provided to units and divisions
 undergoing self-studies as part of the <u>University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process</u> (UTQAP).
- Identification of H&A relevant to specific fields of study that may have been received by faculty in other divisions or units.
- Strategic planning of nominations for faculty across a unit, based on H&A histories to date.

Inclusions and Exclusions

Records include three primary award types as defined below:

- *Distinction*: An honour that distinguishes the recipient with a specific title (e.g., Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Officer of the Order of Canada, or honorary doctorate)
- Fellowship: An honour that carries term-limited research funding recognizing both achievements and potential, and that is held at the recipient's home institution (e.g. Guggenheim Fellowship)
- *Prize or Award:* An honour, which may or may not include an award of personal or research funds, recognizing achievements in a specific area defined by the awarding organization.

In general, the H&A listed have recognition as a primary purpose, rather than provision of funding or positions within other institutions or associations. The following are not included, regardless of prestige:

- Salary awards (e.g., Canada Research Chairs, Early Researcher Awards)
- Operating funds or grants, unless they are nomination-based
- Fellowships geared to inclusion of specific expertise in a program, not recognition per se
- Visiting fellowships, professorships, or other honorary roles in other institutions or associations
- Unelected fellowships or memberships in scholarly associations

Using the H&A Dashboards: Visualizations and Filters

The Dashboards currently include two interfaces as shown, which can each be filtered by receiving unit or division, date ranges (2010-present), and various other award sub-categories. Definitions of the filter categories are available via the "i" on each dashboard header.

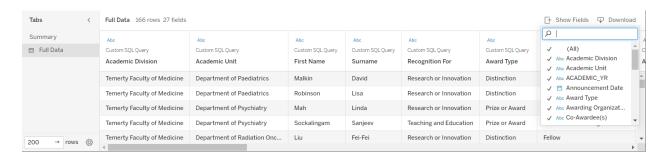


Using the H&A Dashboards: Data Review and Downloads

Applying filters in either dashboard interface will also produce a filtered list of all awards received by faculty, according to your chosen parameters. To immediately download this data, select the data download icon shown below, then Crosstab > CSV. (Excel download is available, but not easily sortable.)



A more customizable and comprehensive download option is available by selecting Data > Full Data. Fields can be sorted, removed or added, including a few additional fields not shown in the summary (Full Data > Show Fields > All). Downloading from this window will automatically create a sortable .CSV file.



A data tab with historical records of major research awards received by University of Toronto faculty between 1923 and 2009 is also available for download.

Reporting H&A

Notice something missing? Please report it via our <u>Faculty H&A Reporting Form</u>. Reporting enables VPRI and divisions to follow relevant <u>recognition practices</u> and contributes to the comprehensiveness and predictive ability of institutional H&A records.