

Engaged Scholar Award - Faculty

Thanks to the efforts of engaged students, staff, faculty, and community partners, Concordia University enjoys a long-standing reputation as a socially-conscious university, committed to community engagement in its teaching, research, and service activities.

The Engaged Scholar Awards recognize one student, one faculty member, and one community partner, for exemplary community-engaged scholarship over the current and previous academic year. Community engaged-scholarship is the collaboration between academics and individuals or organizations outside the academy, in the context of partnership and reciprocity. It can involve generating, validating, synthesizing, or applying knowledge at the local, regional, national or global level. Community is broadly defined to include non-profit organizations, social enterprises, governmental agencies, and institutions.

Eligibility

The nominee must be a current faculty member (tenured or non-tenured) who has been at Concordia for at least 3 years. The engaged scholarship activities in question must have been undertaken in the current and/or previous academic year. Faculty members may nominate themselves.

Selection Criteria

- Impact on community: How is the community involved in planning, implementing, and evaluating the engaged scholarship activities? In what ways does the work meet community-identified needs in a way that the community appreciates?
- Impact on pedagogy: How do the engaged scholarship activities enhance student learning or create opportunities for community-based experiential learning?
- Impact on research: In what ways does the community-university partnership link directly to the faculty member's program of research or artistic work?

Nomination Process

- Complete the nomination form online: <u>http://goo.gl/LnhQMw</u>
- Submit a letter (1-2 pages) that details the faculty member's academically relevant work that simultaneously advances scholarship in one or more disciplines, is conducted in partnership with external entities, and addresses critical societal issues.
- Submit a letter of support (1 page) from a key external partner that captures the importance and impact of the faculty member's work.

Please submit letters and questions to Community Relations Coordinator at: **communityengagement@concordia.ca**



The nomination will not be considered complete until both the online application form and the letters of support are received.

Selection Process

All nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee coordinated by the Office of Community Engagement.

It is not possible to receive an Engaged Scholar Award in the same year as a Concordia Volunteer Award or CCSL Outstanding Contribution Award.

Recognition

All nominators will be notified by email regarding the outcome of the selection process.

Only one faculty member will be selected to receive an Engaged Scholar Award at Concordia's annual CCSL/Volunteer/Engaged Scholar Awards ceremony on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

The recipient will be presented with a non-monetary, commemorative gift.

Nomination deadline

All nomination materials must be received by February 12, 2016.