

Engaged Scholar Award - Student

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 student (undergraduate or graduate). The engaged scholarship activities in question must have been undertaken in the current and/or previous academic year. Students may nominate themselves.

Selection Criteria

- Impact on community: In undertaking community engaged scholarship, has the student gone above and beyond the requirements of their program of study? In what ways does the work meet needs identified by the community in a way that the community appreciates? How do the activities undertaken address larger social issues?
- Impact on scholarship: In what ways does the community-university partnership link directly to the student's course work, program of study, and/or research?

Nomination Process

- Complete the nomination form online: <u>http://goo.gl/LnhQMw</u>
- Submit a letter (1-2 pages) that details the student's academically relevant work that is conducted in partnership with an external entity and addresses critical social issues.
- Submit a letter of support (1 page) from a professor or an external partner that captures the importance and impact of the student's work for the community.

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.



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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 student 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.**