

Engaged Scholar Awards 2017

The 2017 Engaged Scholar Awards will recognize one student, one faculty member, and one community partner for their exemplary contributions to community-engaged scholarship during the preceding year. Presented annually, these three awards are made possible by the Office of Community Engagement and the Office of the Provost.

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

Any member of the Concordia community can nominate their colleague, student, professor or community partner for one of the three Engaged Scholar Awards. Self-nomination is not permitted. Nominees for the three different award categories must meet the following criteria:

- **Student:** All current Concordia students including those who are pursuing full-time, part-time, undergraduate, graduate, and non-degree studies are eligible to be nominated for the Engaged Scholar Student Award. The student must have partnered with an external group or organization on an academic project in 2016.
- **Faculty:** All current faculty members at Concordia, including those who are full-time, part-time, tenured, non-tenured and limited term appointments, are eligible to be nominated for the Engaged Scholar Faculty Award. The faculty member must have partnered with an external group or organization on an academic project in 2016.
- **Community partner:** All non-profit organizations, social enterprises, governmental agencies and institutions that are currently partnering with a Concordia student or faculty on an academic project are eligible to be nominated for the Engaged Scholar Community Partner Award.

Selection Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated along the following dimensions:

- **Quality of Partnership:** Was the community involved in planning, implementing, and evaluating the engaged scholarship activities? In what ways does this community-university partnership demonstrate the following values: sustained relationships; mutual reciprocity; ethical practice; and engaged citizenship.
- **Impact on community:** Does the work meet community-identified needs in a way that the community appreciates? How do the activities undertaken address larger social issues?
- **Impact on scholarship:** Do the engaged scholarship activities enhance teaching, learning and/or research at Concordia? In what ways has the community-university partnership linked directly to the academic objectives of the student and/or faculty?

Nomination Process

To nominate someone for one of the three Engaged Scholar Awards, please complete the [nomination form](#) online. You will be asked to indicate whether you are nominating the individual for the student, faculty or community partner award. In addition to providing contact information for the nominee, nominator and two references, you will have the opportunity to describe:

- the community engaged scholarship initiative and the contribution made by the nominee;
- how the community was involved in planning, implementing and evaluating the initiative;
- the ways in which this initiative met community-identified needs; and
- the impact this initiative had on teaching, learning and/or research at Concordia.

The nominator may also submit optional signed letters of support from professors, colleagues, community partners and/or students who can attest to the impact of the nominee's contributions to community engaged scholarship.

Letters of support and any questions about the nomination process should be directed to the Office of Community Engagement at communityengagement@concordia.ca

Nomination deadline

Nominations will not be considered complete until the nomination form is completed in full. All nomination materials must be received by **5 p.m. on February 13, 2017**.

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.

Recipients of the three Engaged Scholar Awards will be recognized publicly at a ceremony held in the Loyola Chapel on the evening of Thursday, April 13, 2017.

All recipients will be presented with a commemorative gift. The winner of the Community Partner Award will also receive a \$1000 contribution towards their organization.