McCalla Professorships  
Faculty of Science Selection Procedures

The governing policy is available on UAPPOL. The Faculty of Science falls under the category of ‘Large Faculty’ and is responsible for determining internal submission deadlines.

The McCalla Professorships are named after Dr. Arthur Gilbert McCalla. A renowned agriculturalist, researcher, and academic leader, McCalla was the first Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. The McCalla Professors are outstanding academics who have made (and continue to make) significant contributions to the integration of teaching and research, and educational leadership.

These awards start September 1 and are tenable at the University of Alberta for 24 months. As is customary in each Department or Faculty, the Chair and/or Dean will assign teaching responsibilities.

Value

$40,000/annum will be available for approved research and teaching initiatives and projects ($20,000 from the VPR and, subject to availability, $20,000 from the Faculty of Science). These funds may be used for a variety of purposes and in a combination of ways (e.g. hiring a graduate teaching or research assistant, developing a new teaching technology, travel to conferences, part payment of a post-doctoral fellow, or to give the professor time for the project with release from other duties - subject to Chair's approval). No portion of the award may be taken as salary.

Selection Procedure

The McCalla Selection Committee is composed of four senior faculty members of the Faculty of Science including one previous McCalla Professor and will be chaired by the Associate Dean (Learning and Innovation) and/or Associate Dean (Research) or designate. Each committee member reviews the entire file of applications and independently arrives at a ranking of the applicants. The Committee meets as a whole to discuss and compare rankings and arrive at its recommendations. The Dean of Science reviews the recommendations; and the recommendations are forwarded to the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL).

Guidelines

The Committee will apply the following guidelines in its selection:

1. The number of award(s) will be determined yearly by the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

2. In years where more than one award is given, normally no more than one award will be given to any one department

3. Applications will not be considered from the following: (a) staff members who are on sabbatical (or other leave) in the current year or who have applied for sabbatical in the coming year
(b) previous holders of McCalla Professorships; however, a faculty member who was awarded a McCalla Professorship prior to June 2006 will be eligible for the revised McCalla Professorship. After June 2006, a McCalla can only be awarded once in a faculty member’s career.

Applications

The submission shall include these items in the following order:

a) A letter of support from the Department Chair. (Ask the Chair of your Department to provide the Committee with an assessment of your proposal as it would affect your progress in research and teaching within your Department)

b) An outline of the project or activities planned for the award period (1-3 pages)

c) Highlights of a teaching dossier (4 pages maximum)

d) Highlights of a research dossier (4 pages maximum)

e) Highlights of an educational leadership and service dossier (4 pages maximum)

f) An abbreviated curriculum vitae (10 pages maximum)

Applications are required to be submitted using 12 point Times New Roman font, one (1) inch margins, and single spacing. Copies are to be back-to-back and not stapled. Separate each section.

Deadline

The original and an electronic copy are to be submitted to the Associate Dean (Learning and Innovation) by the 3rd Friday in January. Recommendations from the Faculty of Science are to be submitted to the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) no later than the first working day in March.