

MARTHA COOK PIPER RESEARCH PRIZE

Terms of reference and application process

This award commemorates Dr. Piper's significant contribution to the research community while vice-president (research) and vice-president (research and external affairs) at the University of Alberta in the 1990s. The annual award recognizes two faculty members in the early stage of their careers who enjoy a reputation for original research and show outstanding promise as researchers.

Eligibility

Nominees must be within 10 years of completing a doctoral degree (or equivalent qualification). For nominees with a MD/DVM degree, the 10 year period begins after completing formal research training. Nominees must also have a strong research record and demonstrate outstanding promise as a researcher.

The Office of the Vice-President (Research) will consider extending the eligibility period for individuals whose academic careers have been interrupted (e.g. parental or maternity leave, etc.) on a case-by-case basis.

Two principal criteria for nominee assessment are:

1. Quality of the individual's research **and**
2. Impact of their research on the advancement of the discipline; to date and in the future.

Selection process

The award is adjudicated by a committee chaired by the vice-president (research). The committee includes the associate vice-presidents (research) and representatives from the University's research community.

A faculty may use whatever procedures it deems appropriate to select its nominee.

Application process

Prepare the dossier for the Martha Cook Piper Research Prizes nomination as follows:

1. Each faculty is entitled to submit one nomination electronically, supported by the documentation outlined below.
2. Faculties must submit the following information to support the nomination:
 - Statement describing procedures followed in nomination.
 - Statement of category in which nomination is to be considered:
 - science or engineering, or
 - humanities, social sciences, law, education, and fine arts

- Statement why nominee qualifies, emphasizing their contributions to and impact on the discipline.
 - Summary, for multidisciplinary audience, of nominee's three most important publications, creative works and/or scholarly contributions. In summary, include the complete citation of the publication, creative work and/or scholarly contribution, and nominee's role in the publication, creative work and/or scholarly contribution. Please limit each summary to a maximum of one page. Please **DO NOT include copies of the publications, creative works and/or scholarly contributions with the nomination package.** Current curriculum vitae listing publication authorship, creative works and/or scholarly contributions as the authorship appears in print (i.e., for multiple-author publications, nominee's name shall appear in the correct sequence).
 - Reference letter from **two external assessors** addressing nominee's suitability in terms of award criteria (see #3 below).
 - Letter of recommendation from faculty dean.
3. Reference letters from two external assessors in the nominee's field. **Assessors should be outside experts with no close collegial or trainee link to the nominee.** Letters should address the nominee's suitability in terms of Prize's criteria.

The Faculty is asked to submit a short biography of each external assessors for the selection committee's information. Letters of reference will be received by the University of Alberta in confidence. Except under limited and specific circumstances, the university will maintain the reference letters in confidence.

4. Teaching shall not constitute part of the evaluation except for graduate teaching and supervision relevant to the nominee's research.
5. The dossier contents **MUST** be arranged in the following order:
- Statement of procedures followed in making nomination.
 - Statement of the category in which the nomination is to be considered. **If the nomination is not an obvious fit in the category selected, the faculty will provide a rationale for its choice of category.**
 - Statement why nominee qualifies for award.
 - Letter of support from the dean.
 - List of three most significant publications/creative works or equivalent (for fine arts) with brief summary of their importance.
 - Two letters from external assessors addressing nominee's suitability in terms of award criteria.
 - Copy of nominee's current curriculum vitae.

Deadline and submission

The deadline for receiving nominations is **4:00 pm, Friday June 21, 2019**. Please submit the PDF nomination electronically to Leslie Parsad at parsad@ualberta.ca.

Records from this competition will be managed in accordance with the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.