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PETRO-CANADA YOUNG INNOVATOR AWARDS

Terms of reference and application process

The Petro-Canada Young Innovator Awards recognize, promote and support outstanding and innovative faculty researchers at the University of Alberta whose academic work benefits the learning environment of their department and whose research has potential to be of significance to society at large.

These awards reflect the commitment of Petro-Canada (now Suncor Energy Inc.) and the University of Alberta to support these researchers in launching their scholarly careers and in carrying their research forward.

Capital and interest on the Petro-Canada gift will be used to maintain the awards for a substantial period of time. The awards can be supplemented with government or other grants to extend the program's longevity; however, the name 'The Petro-Canada Young Innovator Award' will remain unchanged.

Eligibility

Full-time faculty members from the School of Business and Faculties of Engineering and Science who completed a doctoral degree (or equivalent qualification) no more than eight years ago are eligible.

If a full-time faculty member from the above faculties completed his or her doctoral degree (or equivalent qualification) more than eight years ago, and their appointment to the University of Alberta is their first academic appointment, the nominee is eligible to apply within four years after beginning their faculty position.

Selection process

A committee chaired by the Vice-President (Research) or designate will select the Petro-Canada Young Innovator Award recipient. The committee will also include the deans of the School of Business and the Faculties of Engineering and Science (or designates), plus a representative from Suncor Energy Inc.

- Preference may be given to faculty conducting research in areas directly related to Suncor Energy Inc.'s business.
- Award must be used for innovative research project described in the application.
- Adjudication committee will report its selection to Suncor Energy Inc.
- Each recipient will submit a report to Suncor Energy Inc within two years of receiving award describing how funds were expended and the research's status, including how the project enriched the learning environment and contributed to a specific area of society or to society at large.
- Award's administration is handled internally by the university.
- Selection criteria are based on academic achievement and specifically related to the overall research promise of the individual; quality of the proposal; and impact associated with the research.
- Ethics and/or environmental approval for the proposed research is mandatory.

Application process

Applicants should provide the following:

- Written proposal identifying the nature of investigation to be pursued (two to three pages long).
- Explanation of how funds would be spent.
- Current curriculum vitae.
- Statement of support for project from chair of applicant's department that includes description of how proposed project is innovative in its field.

Submit application to the dean of the applicant's faculty. Deans can bring forward up to three nominations from their faculty for consideration by the adjudication committee each year. The award will be effective from April 1 for a period of one year.

Recognition

- Awardees must agree to publication of the award and a description of their proposed project.
- Petro-Canada will be recognized in any publication resulting from work supported by award.
- The recipient will be known as a Petro-Canada Young Innovator.

Deadline

Applications will be accepted by the dean's office until 4:30 pm on February 8, 2019.

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