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McCalla Professorship

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. The professorship gives candidates an opportunity to further combine their teaching and research in ways that are mutually beneficial. For example, academics may propose a project that uses their disciplinary research to enrich their teaching in innovative ways and/or study the effectiveness of their novel teaching and learning methods.

Funds in the amount of \$20,000 (total) will be available for approved projects and activities. 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, travel to conferences, partial payment of a post-doctoral fellow, or to give the professor time for the project with release from other duties). No portion of the award may be taken as salary. Funds are held by the University and spent as outlined in the approved application and in accordance with University of Alberta policies and procedures. The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) may request the return of unspent funds following completion of the Professorship.

Eligibility

Any **Continuing** Academic Staff at the University of Alberta from the following categories (as outlined in the [UAPPOL Recruitment Policy \(Appendix A\)](#)) may apply:

- A1 (Schedule A - Academic Faculty Member; Schedule B - Faculty Service Officers (FSO) Member; Schedule C - Librarian; Schedule F - Administrative and Professional Officers (APO) Member);
- A2.1 Career, Term 12, Terms Recurring (Schedule D - Academic Teaching Staff (ATS) member)

Normally, recipients will have achieved the rank of Associate Professor or equivalent.

Selection Guidelines

As outlined in the [UAPPOL Application and Selection Procedure](#), the following was considered in the development of the adjudication criteria for the McCalla Professorship award:

- Evidence of a career commitment to teaching excellence, integrating research and teaching, and educational leadership
- Innovation in the project or planned activities
- Impact of the project or planned activities on student learning and alignment with the institutional strategic plan(s).

McCalla Professorships aim to provide outstanding academics with funding for initiatives related to the integration of teaching and research and provide a venue for educational leadership through the McCalla Professor Group.

Application Process

Two-Phase Application Approach

In **Phase 1** of the application process, we invite you to submit an expression of interest. This should introduce yourself to the committee, describe how you engage with the institutional commitments outlined in [Braiding Past, Present and Future: University of Alberta's Indigenous Strategic Plan](#) and our institutional commitments to enhancing access, building interconnected and vibrant communities and promoting experiences of belonging for all members of our community in keeping with [Changing the Story: An Integrated Action Plan](#). Your expression of interest should also highlight your commitment and dedication to excellence in teaching. Those selected to advance to **Phase 2** will be asked to provide a detailed narrative application, including specific evidence demonstrating excellence in these areas.

In other words, Phase 1 is about introducing yourself and your story, and Phase 2 is about diving deeper and providing concrete examples and evidence to support that story.

An **Application Template** is available online through the [Awards for Faculty Excellence website](#).

Translation services are available upon request at no cost to the applicant.

Multi-Modal Application

You are welcome to submit your application in the modality of your choosing (written, audio, video, graphics/animation etc.). The application template is designed to provide guidance on the criteria and specific information that should be included in your submission. If you prefer an alternative submission method or modality, please contact excellence.awards@ualberta.ca for assistance.

The [Digital Scholarship Centre](#) offers support for the creation and production of multimedia resources, including access to a new media studio, assistance with video production, and [free consultations with knowledgeable staff](#).

Deadline and Submission

Combine all pages into one PDF file and upload your single PDF application **by 9:00 a.m. on April 13, 2026**.

File Naming Convention:

Name your file as: Lastname_Firstname_McCallaProfessorship.pdf

Submit your complete application online through the [Awards for Faculty Excellence website](#).

Selection Process

The McCalla Professorship Award will be adjudicated by the Awards for Faculty Excellence Adjudication Committee. The Committee requires that no more than one member is absent from any meeting where decisions are made. All proceedings are to remain confidential.

Committee Membership

Chair (non-voting)

- Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives)

Members (voting)

- Member appointed by the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research)
- Member appointed by the Vice-Provost (Access, Community and Belonging)
- Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research or delegate
- An executive member of the Students' Union or delegate (one-year appointment and may be appointed for a second year)
- An executive member of the Graduate Students' Association or delegate (one-year appointment and may be appointed for a second year)
- Executive Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning or delegate
- Dean or representative from each College
- Dean or representative from one of the stand-alone faculties
- A member of the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment appointed by the Chair
- A member of the University Teaching Awards Committee appointed by the Chair
- Two (2) Academic Staff members selected at large by GFC

Resource Members (non-voting)

- Portfolio Initiatives Coordinator, Office of the Provost
- Executive Assistant, Office of the Provost

Many considerations guided the development of this adjudication committee, including a range of expertise that will enhance the Committee's ability to execute this process using an equity lens.

Announcement of the Award

The appointment will be formally recognized at the annual *Celebrate! Teaching. Learning. Research* event.

Support

If you require assistance please contact us at excellence.awards@ualberta.ca.

Reporting Requirements

A final report on the McCalla Professorship is due within three months of the end of the Professorship.

There is no template for the final report. A brief summary (up to 4 pages) highlighting the McCalla project activities and the outcomes realized during the Professorship is sufficient for final reporting purposes. An electronic copy of the report should be sent to the Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives) at excellence.awards@ualberta.ca.

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