SGS Award Announcement

To: Faculty Graduate Deans

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Re: 2019 SSHRC Impact Awards – Talent category

As SGS will not be sending this announcement directly to graduate units, please include in your communications information specific to your Faculty's internal competition (e.g. internal deadline(s) and contact information for the submission of applications).

Award Overview

- Applicant Deadline to Unit/Faculty: Date set by graduate unit/Faculty
- Faculty Deadline to OVPRI: January 14, 2019; noon (updated)
- Value: $50,000
- Level of study: Doctoral or Postdoctoral Fellow
- Area of Study: SSHRC funded disciplines
- Legal Status: Citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- Results: Communicated by OVPRI in February

Purpose

The five annual SSHRC Impact Awards (Gold Medal, Talent Award, Insight Award, Connection Award, Partnership Award) recognize the highest achievements in social sciences and humanities research, knowledge mobilization and scholarship supported by SSHRC. Each institution may submit only one nomination for each category in a given year. See previous SSHRC Impact Award winners.

The SSHRC Talent Award recognizes outstanding achievement by an individual who, on April 1, 2019, holds a SSHRC doctoral or postdoctoral fellowship or scholarship (including, but not limited to, a Canada Graduate Scholarship, Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship or Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship).

The Talent Award may be taken up as a fellowship to fund the recipient’s doctoral or postdoctoral research over a one-year period, or may be used, within one year of receiving the award, as a grant to support research, knowledge mobilization or other research-related activities. At least 10 per cent of the award funds must be used to promote the recipient’s research achievements.
Selection Criteria

The Talent Award is given to Canada’s top SSHRC funded doctoral student or postdoctoral fellow who maintains academic excellence, has a talent for research and knowledge mobilization and has demonstrated clear potential to be a future leader within and/or outside the academic sector and significant impact of their current research. One award is offered nationally.

1. Challenge—Ambition and importance (25%):
   - originality and significance of the body of work within the nominee’s fields of research.

2. Achievements—Impact and outcomes: (75%):
   - originality and significance of nominee’s body of academic achievement and research, including quality of publications relative to stage of career;
   - evidence of impact of the nominee’s work within their fields of research and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community;
   - nominee’s ability and commitment to communicate research results within and/or beyond the academic community;
   - level of nominee’s engagement with, and quality of training and mentoring provided to, students, emerging scholars and participants, relative to nominee’s career level; and
   - nominee’s demonstrated potential for leadership and societal contributions within and/or beyond the academic community.

Eligibility

A nominee must:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada at the time of nomination;
- be an active social sciences and humanities researcher or student;
- hold or have held SSHRC funding pertinent to the impact award category;
- be in good standing with SSHRC;
- be affiliated with an eligible institution; and
- if the recipient of an award, maintain affiliation with an eligible institution for the duration of the award.

Nominees:

- cannot nominate themselves;
- can be nominated in two sequential years for the same award, following which two years must pass before they can next be nominated in the same category;
- can be nominated in only one category in any year; and
- can be nominated in a subsequent year for a different SSHRC Impact Award.

Nomination Process (new)

The University of Toronto may submit only one nomination to each award category. Therefore, the Vice-President Research & Innovation (VPRI) will establish an advisory committee of representatives from across the social sciences and humanities to review internal nominations and select the University’s nominees for 2019.
To submit a candidate for consideration by the VPRI committee, please submit the candidate’s CV and the two-page internal nomination form for the Talent category to vpri.awards@utoronto.ca by 12:00 noon on Monday, January 14, 2019. Academic divisions may set their own internal deadlines and review processes.

Single–unit Faculties may forward one nomination annually; multi-unit Faculties may forward up to two nominations.

Please Note:
- Documentation sent directly (by the applicant, faculty or referee) to SGS, OVPRI or SSHRC will not be considered
- Documents in a language other than English may require an official English translation
- Retain all original application-materials until results are available

Results

OVPRI will notify all applicants forwarded to OVPRI of the results of the University competition by February.

SSHRC will communicate the results from the national competition directly in Fall 2019.

Contact and Resources

For further information, please visit the OVPRI website, and/or contact your graduate unit or Faculty Dean or Vice Dean Graduate Education office.
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