INTERNAL PROCESS FOR THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA FELLOWSHIP

Please review the following details and internal process for the 2025 Royal Society of Canada Fellowship.

Please circulate this information to your faculty members and awards leadership. All nominations can access OVPR for review and editorial support. Please reach out to stefanie.bernaudo@utoronto.ca with any questions.

OVERVIEW:

The RSC serves Canada and Canadians by recognizing these leaders in research and innovation and mobilizing them in open discussion and debate about complex and timely issues in the headlines or on the horizon. Their integrated interdisciplinary knowledge and understanding is a valuable national resource. This is a lifetime recognition. The RSC consists of Fellows elected in three Academies (Academy I, Arts and Humanities; Academy II, Social Sciences; and Academy III, Science).

ELIGIBILITY & REVIEW CRITERIA:

Eligible candidates

Fellows are those with exceptional and original publications, intellectual achievements, and creative activities. Their achievements are in the arts, the humanities, the social sciences, and the sciences. They are either Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada for at least three years at the time of their nomination.

The RSC embraces equity and diversity, methodological and epistemological openness, and the full range of disciplinary excellence. It welcomes nominations from all intellectual endeavours across linguistic, gender, racial, regional, and institutional boundaries. The RSC also judges these nominations without bias. The RSC selection process seeks to ensure that recognition and inclusion are accorded to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis candidates.

Earlier career scholars may wish to consider the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

The Selection Committee will evaluate all nominees on the basis of excellence and impact. The scholarly originality, impact, and expertise of the referees are critical factors in making the case for candidates.

NOMINATION PROCESS:
See website for the detailed nomination guidelines. Please also review the information on U of T Honours & Awards Opportunities Database for the RSC Fellowship. **A nominator is required.** Candidates must be nominated directly by a current Fellow; Institutional nominations are not supported at the University of Toronto.

The complete nomination dossier includes the following components:
1. A letter from the primary nominator (400 words)
2. Citation (70 words)
3. Detailed Appraisal (1200 words)
4. Reference Letters (750 words). Academy I (Arts & Humanities) and Academy II (Social Sciences) require three letters of reference. Academy III (Science) requires five.
5. Short Biographies from each referee (250 words)
6. A CV (50 page maximum)

Nominations are submitted to the online portal no later than **December 1, 2024**

(OPTIONAL) DIVISONAL REVIEW PROCESS:
The divisional review process is designed to support and provide feedback for individuals being nominated for the President's Impact Award. The process is designed and managed by OVPR and includes an optional review of nomination material by OVPR staff.

The divisional nomination process is as follows:
1. Nominees notify OVPR of their intent to put forward a nomination, as well as the name and contact information of the nominator. Please email stefanie.bernaudo@utoronto.ca with the name(s) of the candidate(s)/nominators(s) no later than **August 12, 2024.**
2. Draft nomination packages are due on **September 9, 2024**. This should include the draft citation, detailed appraisal, and CV. We recommend giving letter writers at least 4-6 weeks to prepare a letter.
3. OVPR will review the internal nomination packages and provide feedback to nominees.
4. Nominees will continue to work with OVPR's Strategic Research Development Officers (as appropriate) to prepare the full application package for submission.

RELEVANT DEADLINES:

Date	Milestone
August 12, 2024	Notify OVPR of intent to submit
September 9, 2024	Internal nomination files due for OVPR review
September	Work with OVPR to finalize nomination package
Early October	Request reference letters
November 25, 2024	Final deadline for administrative review
December 1, 2024	Submission to Agency