

Principal's Award of Excellence, Student Group

Quota(s)/year: 3

The Principal's Award of Excellence annually recognizes student groups that have demonstrated a sustained commitment to positive change within the UTM community. This award is presented in recognition of high-impact contributions that are consistent with at least two of the following *UTM values* over the course of the academic year: *Collaboration, Leadership Development, Equity & Inclusion, Innovation, Advancing Justice for Indigenous Communities, Wellness, Sustainability, and Global and Intercultural Engagement.*

Eligibility:

1. Open to all Student Organization Portal Recognized Student Groups; this award is not eligible for student societies and/or academic societies.
2. Impact under consideration must have primarily occurred between April 2023 – March 2024;
3. Involvement in, and commitment to, at least two University values (listed in the above description) that impact the UTM community on a broad or small scale

Selection Criteria

Applications for this award will be evaluated according to 5 criteria: involvement, level of engagement, group development, community impact and a commitment to equity & inclusion.

A successful application will demonstrate:

- **Involvement:** Participation in campus activities which demonstrate leadership in two distinct values that contributed to the betterment of the UTM community. You will be evaluated based on the depth (how significant your contribution is) and breadth (how widespread, collaborative, and/or replicable your contribution is) of your involvement.
- **Level of Engagement:** Demonstration of a sustained level of meaningful contributions over the course of the academic year.
- **Group Development:** How your group has grown and evolved as a result of your involvement in campus activities.
- **Community Impact:** Contributions to advancing the knowledge and understanding of at least two UTM values and their impact on the UTM community, including the quality of campus life, influencing institutional affairs, developing and engaging others, and fostering a sense of community.
- **Commitment to Equity & Inclusion:** Evidence of a proactive approach to creating a respectful and inclusive community through your contributions to the values of the UTM campus.

UTM Values:



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1. **Collaboration:** Demonstrated effective teamwork and partnerships within the UTM community.
2. **Leadership Development:** Fostered leadership skills and opportunities among group members and the broader community.
3. **Equity & Inclusion:** Promoted diversity, equity, and inclusion through initiatives and activities.
4. **Innovation:** Implemented creative and innovative solutions to address community needs.
5. **Advancing Justice for Indigenous Communities:** Contributed to the advancement of justice and support for Indigenous communities.
6. **Wellness:** Promoted physical, mental, and emotional well-being within the community.
7. **Sustainability:** Engaged in practices and initiatives that support sustainability.
8. **Global and Intercultural Engagement:** Encouraged global awareness and intercultural understanding.