SSE Excellence Awards

Program Guide for Non-Academic Performance Report Years 2024

Our awards program for recognizing important contributions to the Schulich Momentum strategic plan and excellence in research, teaching, and service.

Nomination Deadline: 4 p.m. Friday December 13
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Schulich School of Engineering (SSE) Excellence Awards at a Glance

This is a Non-Academic Performance Report Year so there will be no Department Excellence Awards.

Award	Number	Nominator Types	Nominee Types
Schulich Momentum Awards			
Momentum areas include:	Based on contributions	• academic staff • support staff • self-nomination	• MaPs or AUPE staff • faculty member • sessional instructor • team (2+ members)
Academic Staff Awards			
Distinguished Lifetime Leadership	Based on contributions	• academic staff	• former faculty member
Distinguished Collaborator	Based on contributions	• academic staff	• SSE collaborators • SSE Adjuncts
Early Career Research Excellence	Based on contributions	• academic staff • self-nomination	• non-tenured faculty
Research Excellence	Based on contributions	• academic staff • self-nomination	• faculty member • team (2+ faculty members)
Undergraduate Training/Teaching Excellence	Based on contributions	• academic staff • self-nomination	• faculty member • sessional instructor • team (2+ members)
Graduate Supervision/Teaching Excellence	Based on contributions	• academic staff • self-nomination	• faculty member
Service & Leadership Excellence (Academic Staff)	Based on contributions	• academic staff • self-nomination	• faculty member
Support Staff Awards			
Excellence in Service (Support Staff)	Up to 2	• academic staff • support staff • self-nomination	• MaPS or AUPE staff *(employed min. 1 year)*
Excellence in Leadership (Support Staff)	Up to 4	• academic staff • support staff • self-nomination	• MaPS or AUPE staff *(employed min. 1 year)*
Excellence in Teaching & Research Support	Up to 4	• academic staff • support staff • self-nomination	• MaPS or AUPE staff *(employed min. 1 year)*

Schulich Momentum Awards

These awards recognize significant contributions to the **Schulich Momentum Strategic Plan** in one or more of the following areas:

- Fostering EDIA in Engineering
- Advancing ii' taa'poh'to'p
- Wellness
- Experiential and Active Learning
- Sustainability
- Educational Leadership
- Transdisciplinary Research
- Other areas that advance our Strategic Plan

Number awarded: Will be based on the significance of the contributions

Nominator types: Academic staff, Support staff, Self-nomination

Nominee types: MaPs or AUPE staff, Faculty member, Sessional instructor, Team (2+ members including faculty members, sessional instructors, technical/support staff, TAs, students)

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** listing the area(s) and describing the nominee contributions and how they further Schulich Momentum (max 250 words)
- A nominee's Department Head, Associate Dean, or manager (as appropriate) will be invited to comment on the nomination

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Distinguished Lifetime Leadership

These awards recognize former faculty members who have provided 10+ years of distinguished service and leadership to SSE. Normally, 2 years must elapse from the date of retirement/resignation from the University of Calgary to be considered for this award. The main criterion for selection will be the distinguished leadership shown by the individual in building excellence in a department, research center or institute associated with SSE.

Number awarded: Will be based on the significance of the contributions

Nominator types: Academic Staff

Nominee types: Former faculty member

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive this award once

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee contributions to distinguished service and leadership to SSE (max 250 words)
- The nominee's Department Head or Associate Dean will be invited to comment on the nomination. Except for nominations submitted by the Department Head or Associate Dean

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Distinguished Collaborator

These awards recognize collaborators of SSE faculty members who have made sustained, significant, and distinguished contributions to SSE over a period of several years in one or more of the following areas:

- Enhancing research or teaching programs
- Promoting engineering and/or EDIA in engineering
- Fostering strong and effective links with the profession, industry, or the community
- Promoting internationalization of the engineering program
- Other areas as appropriate for this award

Number awarded: Will be based on the significance of the contributions

Nominator types: Academic Staff

Nominee types: Collaborators of SSE faculty, SSE Adjunct faculty

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive this award once

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee contributions to SSE (max 250 words)
- The nominee's Department Head or Associate Dean will be invited to comment on the nomination. Except for nominations submitted by the Department Head or Associate Dean

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Early Career Research Excellence Awards

These awards recognize outstanding recent research contributions **or** recent research impact on industry or society by full-time **non-tenured faculty** members in SSE.

Examples of recent research contributions: research outputs with emphasis on refereed journal papers; national or international research projects; fellowships and awards

Examples of recent research impact: inventions, patents, licenses, and technology transfer; open-source software; national or international research-related service; demonstrable impact on industry or society

Number awarded: Will be based on the significance of the recent research contributions or impact

Nominator types: Academic Staff, Self-nomination

Nominee types: Faculty member, Team (2+ faculty members)

Eligibility:

- Full-time non-tenured faculty
- Nominees may only receive this award once every 5 years
- Department Heads are not eligible for this award

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee research contributions (max 250 words) **or** research impact (max 250 words)
- The nominee's Department Head or Associate Dean will be invited to comment on the nomination.

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Research Excellence Awards

These awards recognize outstanding recent research contributions **or** recent research impact on industry or society by full-time faculty members in SSE.

Examples of recent research contributions: research outputs with emphasis on refereed journal papers; national or international research projects; fellowships and awards

Examples of recent research impact: inventions, patents, licenses, and technology transfer; open-source software; national or international research-related service; demonstrable impact on industry or society

Number awarded: Will be based on the significance of the recent research contributions or impact

Nominator types: Academic Staff, Self-nomination

Nominee types: Faculty member, Team (2+ faculty members)

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive this award once every 5 years
- Department Heads are not eligible for this award

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee research contributions (max 250 words) **or** research impact (max 250 words)
- The nominee's Department Head or Associate Dean will be invited to comment on the nomination.

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Undergraduate Training/Teaching Excellence

These awards recognize outstanding contributions to SSE's undergraduate programs by full-time faculty members through recent undergraduate training **or** teaching.

Undergraduate Training Excellence Award. Examples of outstanding contributions to recent undergraduate training include student project supervision; research training and mentoring; and involvement in student activities such as engineering teams, clubs, field trips, study abroad programs, and the like. The nomination should focus on activities in the past 2 years that have enhanced the quality of SSE students' research experience.

Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award. Outstanding contributions to teaching include the ability to communicate broad and accurate knowledge of the subject matter at an appropriate level, success at motivating and challenging students to reach their potential, enthusiasm for teaching, fairness and consistency in testing and grading, availability for consultation, ability to inspire students to learn and other relevant criteria. The course(s) on which the undergraduate teaching quality is assessed normally should have been taught by the nominee at least 2 times in the past 2 years.

Number awarded: Will be based on the significance of the contributions

Nominator types : Academic Staff, Self-nomination

Nominee types: Faculty member, Sessional instructor (including Co-instructors), Team (2+ members including faculty members, sessional instructors, technical/support staff, TAs)

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive each version of this award once every 5 years
- Department Heads are not eligible for this award

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee contributions to undergraduate training **or** undergraduate teaching (max 250 words)
- The nominee's Department Head or Associate Dean will be invited to comment on the nomination.

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Graduate Supervision/Teaching Excellence

These awards recognize outstanding contributions to SSE's postgraduate programs by full-time faculty members through recent graduate supervision **or** teaching.

Graduate Supervision Excellence Award. Assessment of the quality of student supervision and research training will include the number of graduate students currently supervised and graduated in the past 2 years, the placement and achievements of previous graduate students including external recognition for research, the extent of involvement of the faculty in graduate academic and extra-curricular activities, and the quality of the students' research as reflected, for example, in thesis examiners' reports.

Graduate Teaching Excellence Award. Teaching quality includes the ability to communicate broad and accurate knowledge of the subject matter at an advanced level, success at motivating and challenging students to reach their potential, enthusiasm for teaching, fairness and consistency in testing and grading, availability for consultation, ability to inspire students to learn and other relevant criteria. The course(s) on which the graduate teaching quality is assessed normally should have been taught by the nominee at least 2 times in recent years with at least 5 enrolled students each time.

Number awarded: Will be based on the significance of the contributions

Nominator types: Academic Staff, Self-nomination

Nominee types: Faculty member

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive each version of this award once every 5 years
- Department Heads are not eligible for this award

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee contributions to graduate supervision **or** graduate teaching (max 250 words)
- The nominee's Department Head or Associate Dean will be invited to comment on the nomination.

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Service & Leadership Excellence (Academic Staff)

These awards recognize outstanding service and leadership contributions by SSE faculty members.

Examples of contributions: University, Faculty, or Department level service and leadership in enhancing curricula or programs; organizing student-related activities; fostering strong and effective links with the rest of the university, the profession, industry or the community; promoting internationalization

Number awarded: Will be based on the significance of the contributions

Nominator types: Academic Staff, Self-nomination

Nominee types: Faculty member

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive this award once every 5 years

- Department Heads are not eligible for this award

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee contributions to service and leadership (max 250 words)
- The nominee's Department Head or Associate Dean will be invited to comment on the nomination.
- These awards are offered on an annual basis

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Support Staff Awards

Excellence in Service (Support Staff)

These awards recognize MaPs or AUPE staff who have provided outstanding support to SSE at large or to a specific Department, research centre, research group, unit, program, project, or committee within SSE over a period of at least 1 year.

The award winner(s) shall receive a $1000 prize for supporting professional development activities.

Number awarded: Up to 2

Nominator types: Academic Staff, Support Staff, Self-nomination

Nominee types: MaPs or AUPE staff (employed min. 1 year)

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive this award once every 5 years

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee's service within SSE (max 250 words)
- The nominee's manager will be invited to comment on the nomination. Except for nominations submitted by the manager.
- These awards are offered on an annual basis

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Excellence in Leadership (Support Staff)

These awards recognize MaPs or AUPE staff who have provided outstanding leadership to SSE, over a period of at least 1 year, as demonstrated by one or more of the following:

- Furthering commitment and progress toward SSE's Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan
- Achieving impactful and innovative outcomes by leading staff to go above and beyond
- Surpassing performance targets
- Other areas as appropriate for this award

The award winner(s) shall receive a $1000 prize for supporting professional development activities.

Number awarded: Up to 4

Nominator types: Academic Staff, Support Staff, Self-nomination

Nominee types: MaPs or AUPE staff (employed min. 1 year)

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive this award once every 5 years

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee's leadership within SSE
- The nominee's manager will be invited to comment on the nomination. Except for nominations submitted by the manager.
- These awards are offered on an annual basis

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony

Excellence in Teaching & Research Support

These awards recognize MaPs or AUPE staff who have provided outstanding support of SSE teaching and/or research, over a period of at least 1 year, as demonstrated by one or more of the following:

- Providing high-quality support and resources for students, research projects or laboratory assignments to complement teaching or research

- Delivering consistently excellent student and stakeholder support while demonstrating high regard for student experience

- Demonstrating understanding of and enthusiasm for promoting excellent teaching and research, encouraging an environment of creativity and innovation

- Inspiring undergraduate and graduate students and improving the student experience

- Facilitating positive interactions between staff and students and showing initiative in generating improvements and fostering positive outcomes

- Attracting talent to SSE, both staff and academic development and retention

- Focusing on SSE Internationalization and connecting with the external community to promote engagement with external stakeholders to advance teaching or research

- Other areas as appropriate for this award

The award winner(s) shall receive a $1000 prize for supporting professional development activities.

Number awarded: Up to 4

Nominator types: Academic Staff, Support Staff, Student, Self-nomination

Nominee types: MaPs or AUPE staff (employed min. 1 year)

Eligibility:

- Nominees may only receive this award once every 5 years

Nomination process:

- Complete the **online webform** describing the nominee's support of teaching and/or research within SSE (max 250 words)

- The nominee's manager will be invited to comment on the nomination. Except for nominations submitted by the manager.
- These awards are offered on an annual basis

Adjudication: By a committee appointed by the Dean

Presentation: At the annual SSE Excellence Awards Ceremony