Faculty of Public Affairs Awards of Excellence

The Faculty of Public Affairs recognizes excellence within FPA each year through Awards of Excellence in five areas:

- Research Excellence Award - to recognize significant research achievement,
- Teaching Excellence Award - to recognize teaching excellence,
- Teaching Fellowship Award - to recognize teaching excellence and provide an opportunity to innovate and demonstrate leadership in teaching,
- Public Commentary Excellence Award - to recognize excellence in public commentary, and
- Staff Excellence Award - to recognize excellence in the administration of our Faculty units.

Applications are invited in January and due March 31, 2020, reviewed by selection committees in early April, and awarded by the Dean at the annual Faculty Reception in May.

**Public Commentary Excellence Award**

One award may be given each year. The Public Commentary Excellence Award was established in 2014 to recognize a significant contribution by a faculty member over a two year period ending in the nomination year in sharing expertise and research with the media or community, enhancing public understanding of the issues of the day, and stimulating dialogue and discourse among the public at large.

**Criteria for Award**

Examples of sharing expertise and research with the media or community that enhances public understanding of the issues of the day and stimulates dialogue and discourse among the public at large may include, but are not limited to:

- op-ed, column or blog writing at the local, national or international level,
- media interviews in print or broadcast outlets,
- community-based public speaking engagements.

**Applications/Nominations**

The Dean will call for applications/nominations in January. The application/nomination cover form for the Public Commentary Excellence Award is available at:

[http://www.carleton.ca/fpa/about/awards/](http://www.carleton.ca/fpa/about/awards/)

Nominations may come from Chairs and Directors, or faculty colleagues. Nominees will be contacted by the Associate Dean and Director of Kroeger College, to ask if they wish to stand for the award. Faculty
may self-nominate. Each applicant’s/nominee’s Chair or Director will be asked to comment briefly on the applicant/nominee. Anonymous nominations will not be considered.

**Application Package**

In addition to the completed application/nomination cover form, applicants and nominees (once confirmed that they will stand for the award) must provide:

- a cover letter outlining the contribution of the nominee's body of activity, drawing on examples where appropriate, over the last two years to sharing expertise and research with the media or community, enhancing public understanding of the issues of the day, and stimulating dialogue and discourse among the public at large. The award committee will be looking for evidence of originality, initiative, a thoughtful attempt to engage, inform and educate the broader public on complex issues, effectiveness of spoken and/or written communication, creativity in spurring thought provoking public conversation, and reaching a wide variety of audiences in various formats, as applicable;
- four to six sample pieces of public writing, outlines of public addresses, or digital files or URL’s of media interviews, as applicable; and
- a current curriculum vitae.

**The Awards**

The recipient of the award will receive a $1,000 cash award. Each winner will receive an engraved statuette.

**Procedures and Selection Committee**

Applications/nominations should be submitted to Christine Barkley, Office of the Dean, Faculty of Public Affairs, by March 31, 2020. The selection committee for the Public Commentary Excellence Award is chaired by the Associate Dean and Director of Kroeger College. The award selection committee membership will consist of four FPA faculty members drawing on past recipients (as available). The selection committee will make its recommendation to the Dean. The award winner will be announced with other FPA Excellence Award winners at the annual Faculty Reception in May.

**Past FPA Public Commentary Excellence Award Winners**

Past winners are eligible to re-apply five years after receipt of their initial award. The winners of the FPA Public Commentary Excellence Award in 2016, 2017 and 2018 are next eligible to apply for the award in 2021, 2022 and 2023 respectively.

Please note that as the Office of the Dean is the sponsor of these awards and each of the Associate Deans chairs an award committee, faculty and professional staff working in the Office of the Dean are not eligible for these awards nor are they able to provide nominations or letters of support for others.