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
- **Staff Excellence Award** - to recognize excellence in the administration of our Faculty units

### Public Commentary Excellence Award

**Provisional COVID-19 modification:** Due to the impact of COVID-19, the two-year time period for this award has been extended to three years. Applicants and nominees are invited to outline the impact the pandemic has had on their contributions over the period in question in their cover letter.

One award may be given each year. The Public Commentary Excellence Award recognizes a significant contribution by a faculty member over a three-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

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.

#### Applications/Nominations

Faculty may self-apply. Chairs/Directors and faculty colleagues may also nominate a faculty member. Nominators must confirm with the nominee that they will stand for the award before an application is submitted. An application should be submitted to the Office of the Dean, if the nominee is in agreement. Anonymous nominations will not be considered.
Application Package
Applicants and nominees must provide:

- completed application/nomination cover form for the Public Commentary Excellence Award available at: [http://www.carleton.ca/fpa/about/awards/](http://www.carleton.ca/fpa/about/awards/)
- current curriculum vitae
- cover letter outlining the contribution of the applicant’s body of activity, drawing on examples where appropriate, over the last three 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
- four to six sample pieces of public writing, outlines of public addresses, or digital files or URL’s of media interviews, as applicable

Award Recognition
The recipient of the award will receive a $1,500 tax deductible cash award, a $1,000 fund held by the Office of the Dean toward eligible public commentary expenses (e.g., microphone, headset, software, etc.) of the applicant/nominee subject to the approval of FPA’s Manager of Administrative and Financial Services, an engraved award statuette, and will be profiled in at least one story to recognize their achievement.

Procedures and Selection Committee
Applications/nominations should be submitted via e-mail to Christine Barkley, Office of the Dean, Faculty of Public Affairs, by May 31, 2021. 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 in June.

Past FPA Public Commentary Excellence Award Winners
Past winners are eligible to re-apply five years after receipt of their last award.

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.