

Wolfe-Western Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars

Western Research

Fellowship Announcement & Guidelines

Western Research, on behalf of the Vice-President (Research) and the Vice-President (University Advancement), is pleased to announce the second *Wolfe-Western Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars*. The Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to support exceptional scholars new to Western from any discipline. One Fellowship will be awarded on a competitive basis to be held for five years to an Assistant, Associate or Full Professor in the first year of their first Western appointment, who demonstrates outstanding leadership and potential within their area(s) of research. Nominees for the Fellowship will be considered by Dean recommendation only. Each Faculty is invited to nominate one candidate by submitting a Nomination Package directly to [Western Research](#) by **Friday, November 6, 2020**.

1 OVERVIEW

The *Wolfe-Western Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars* will be awarded based on the quality of the Nominee's research and record of accomplishments, as well as, the extent to which the Nominee has contributed to research excellence and innovation in their chosen field in Canada and internationally relative to their career stage.

1.1 Allocation and Term

- One (1) *Wolfe-Western Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars* will be awarded per competition.
- The Fellowship holder will be selected in accordance with the University's policies and practices (MAPP).
- Appointments to the Fellowship will be for a maximum of five (5) years, and will be subject to an annual review of continued eligibility based on the quality of the incumbent's research program and overall performance.
- The Fellowship is non-renewable and held only once by a faculty member.
- Only one Fellowship will be held per five-year period.
- Funding for the inaugural Wolfe-Western Fellowship will commence **October 31, 2020**

1.2. Value

- The successful Fellowship holder will receive \$75,000/year, exclusively for salary plus benefits, for a maximum five (5) years.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be at the Assistant, Associate or Full Professor level, and within the first year of their first appointment at Western University, with an appointment start date between January 1st, 2020 and December 31st, 2020.
- The Nominee must allocate at least 75% of their academic time to research or research-related activities. This **protected time** to be confirmed in the Nomination Package by the respective Dean.
- Each Dean/Faculty is eligible to nominate one (1) new researcher for the *Wolfe-Western Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars* opportunity.

3 ADJUDICATION

A selection committee, chaired by the Vice President (Research) or designate, will choose the recipient of the *Wolfe-Western Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars* from the Dean-submitted nominees. Membership of the selection committee will include an appropriate balance across Faculties to enable adjudication of a broad range of research, ensure adherence to relevant Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion principles, guidelines and policies adopted by the University, including those values embedded in Western's Indigenous Strategic Plan.

4 NOMINATION PACKAGES: HOW TO Nominate

4.1 Due Date and Submission

- Deans submit one Nomination Package per Faculty by email to Western Research (rwprizes@uwo.ca) by **5:00 pm EDT, November 6th, 2020**
- Full Nomination Package must be submitted in one (1) pdf attachment.

4.2 Nomination Package Contents & Guidelines

The Nomination Package will contain the following five (5) mandatory components:

- Fillable PDF Nomination Form (recommend opening in Adobe/Acrobat)
- Cover Letter (Up to **2 pages**)
 - Signed by the Dean and the Nominee
 - Explains: the significance of the Nominee's research, how they exhibit leadership in their area of research, the potential impact of the research, any cross-faculty or interdisciplinary aspects of the research, how the research aligns with the University's areas of research strength, and a narrative regarding the Nominee's career to date.
 - **Confirm at least 75% protected research or research-related activity time** for the Nominee over the term of the Fellowship
 - Follows required formatting*
- Nominee's Current CV
 - Any standard CV format will be acceptable and can be structured based on the nominee's discipline, but must include a **publication list**.

- Most Significant Contributions (Up to **2 pages**)
 - The Nominee should identify and briefly describe **up to five** significant contributions related to research or leadership/service. Emphasis should be on the Nominee’s contributions as an independent scholar and the extent to which the nominee has contributed to research excellence and innovation in their chosen field in Canada and internationally relative to their career stage.
- Two (2) external Letters of Support (Up to **2 pages per letter**):
 - Referee’s full name, mailing address and original signature required on their letter.
 - At least one (1) Referee must be arm’s length (e.g. not a former Supervisor, collaborator).
 - Letters must be sent directly from the Referees to the respective Dean for inclusion in the Nomination Package.

***Formatting for Attachments:**

- Pages must be 8 ½" x 11" (216mm x 279mm)
- Insert a minimum margin of 2cm (3/4 inch) around the page (top, bottom and sides)
- Text can be either single- or double-spaced
- Use a minimum font size of 11 (Arial or Times New Roman) with no condensed type
- In the header of each page, indicate the title of the document (e.g. Cover Letter) in the top left and the name of the nominee in the top right

5 COMPETITION RESULTS AND FUNDING PERIOD

- Award decision anticipated by November 30th, 2020.
- Funding for the successful nominee will begin October 31, 2020 and will last for a maximum period of five years.
- Western Research will connect with the successful Faculty and nominee to finalize award funding details.

6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- The holder of the second *Wolfe-Western Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars* will acknowledge support from the Wolfe-Western Fellowship At-Large for Outstanding Newly Recruited Research Scholars Endowment Fund in all publications or public presentations related to the Fellowship holder’s work.