



MOUNT ROYAL FACULTY ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE AWARD

The Award

MRFA Excellence in Governance Award may be presented yearly to a Member of the Association who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to advancing and contributing to effective collegial governance at Mount Royal University.

The Award will consist of a framed certificate, a plaque in the Faculty Centre, and a monetary award, the amount to be approved by the Executive Board and as ratified by the membership in the annual MRFA Budget. The Award will be presented at the MRFA's Annual General Meeting, held on the second Friday of May, annually, with a reception to follow.

Eligibility

Any Member in good standing who has completed at least six semesters of service (not necessarily consecutively) to Mount Royal University as a member of the academic staff.

Criteria

Nominees must demonstrate and provide evidence of excellence in areas that may include, but may not be limited to:

- Enhancing collegial governance at Mount Royal University:
 - Championing faculty interests at meetings of academic units, Faculty Councils or General Faculties Council and/or its Committees, and/or the MRU Board of Governors.
 - Attending and contributing to the MRFA's pre-GFC meetings.
- Contributions through service on governing bodies including but not limited to:
 - Faculty council committees: executive committees, curriculum committees, faculty review committees, or other committees.
 - MRFA Academic Liaison Committee or the MRFA Academic Policy and Governance Committee.
 - MRU Board of Governors and its committees.
 - MRU General Faculties Council and its committees.
- Leadership in advocating for and advancing collegial governance at the institutional, provincial, or national levels
 - Championing initiatives that protect and foster collegial governance and the faculty voice within it.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be made by MRFA members, students, and staff. Nominations are to be made on the form entitled Nomination Form for the MRFA Governance Excellence Award (available in the MRFA Office or on-line at mrafa.net/awards). Nominations must be supported by three individuals and all nominations must be accompanied by two additional statements of support as outlined on the nomination form.

Calls for Nominations will be sent out in the Fall and Winter semesters and the deadline for nomination is the last Friday of January. Nominations may be submitted to the MRFA (W315) or by email to office@mrafa.net.

Selection Process

The MRFA Awards Committee shall screen the nominations and select the winners based on the award criteria.

Should any member of the Awards Committee be nominated they shall recuse themselves from the process. Should any member of the Executive Board be nominated they shall abstain from voting when the Executive Board approves award selections. Their abstention shall be recorded in the minutes..

(If no appropriate nominations are received, the award does not have to be awarded.)