

KILLAM RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Killam Scholarship and Prize Programs were established in memory of Izaak Walton Killam through the Will of his wife, Dorothy Johnston Killam, and through gifts made during her lifetime. Their primary purpose is to support advanced education and research at five Canadian Universities including the University of Calgary.

1. PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The Killam Research Excellence Award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to research over at least a decade. No individual may be awarded the prize more than once. **For the purpose of this award, one Tri-Council alignment must be declared in the application, and no individual will be eligible in more than one Tri-Council area of expertise.** The recipient will receive a \$5,000 cash prize and a commemorative certificate at the annual Killam Reception. One award will be made each year (two in exceptional circumstances).

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Killam Research Excellence Award is open to all full-time continuing academic staff at the University of Calgary.

3. EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

The University of Calgary is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. The Killam Selection Committee reflects this commitment in its composition and deliberations. Nominators must also consider equity, diversity, and inclusion amongst their nominees, particularly with respect to gender, as females have been historically under-represented. Nominators must nominate at least one (1) female candidate out of every three (3) nominations for the Killam Research Excellence Award. A faculty able to nominate only one or two candidates per year (see 5. *Nominations*, below) should establish the same gender representation in respect to its previous two competition years. In such a way, a faculty eligible to nominate one candidate will nominate at least one female candidate over three competitions.

4. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Candidates must have demonstrated:

- Excellence in research supported by evidence of impact;
- Recognized contributions and impact on knowledge and innovation over at least a decade, nationally and internationally;
- Successful promotion, dissemination, and/or management of research activities over a significant period of time;
- Training of graduate students and other highly qualified research personnel.

5. NOMINATIONS

For each year, one of the Tri-Council eligible areas is determined based on the following cycle:

<u>AWARD YEAR</u>	<u>TRI-COUNCIL</u>
2020	SSHRC
2021	NSERC
2022	CIHR
2023	SSHRC
2024	NSERC
2025	CIHR

The Killam Selection Committee welcomes nominations from Deans. A maximum of three nominations for this award are invited from the Cumming School of Medicine and the Faculty of Arts; a maximum of two nominations from the Faculty of Science and the Schulich School of Engineering; a maximum of one nomination for each award is invited from each of the other Faculties.

The recipient of the award will be expected to participate in a public lecture or research event.

Nomination Package:

1. Signed letter of nomination by the Dean or Designate. The letter (maximum 4 pages) should include:
 - a statement about the standing of the individual within their specific research field;
 - **discipline-specific information about work load, stage in career and measures of excellence in the specific field;** and
 - the significance, benefits or impacts of the nominee's achievements as they relate to each of the award criteria.

On a separate page appended to the Dean's letter, a short biographical note for each referee should also be included. This should consist of one paragraph on the background of each individual and his or her suitability as a referee for the nominee.

2. The nominee's curriculum vitae (maximum 15 pages), including a list of his or her publications **and a list of the 10 most significant contributions or publications** with an explanation of why they are significant (one paragraph per contribution or publication). An optional [Killam CV template](#) is available.
3. A maximum of three letters of reference may accompany the nomination package. The referees should be nationally or internationally recognized experts in the nominee's field. Letters should be requested by the nominator, not by the nominee.

Please note that the Tri-Council's guidelines regarding Conflict of Interest shall apply. Referees may be in conflict or potentially in conflict with the nominee, but should state their relationship to the nominee and any potential conflict, including, but not limited to, professional collaboration within the past six years (see: http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/program-programme/conflict_interest-conflict_interets-eng.aspx).

6. SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

The closing date for the submission of nominations to the Research Services Office is **August 10, 2020**. Should the deadline fall on a weekend, nominations may be submitted by the end of the next business day.

Email a single PDF document containing all of the nomination materials to the Research Services Office (researchawards@ucalgary.ca).

7. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

Nominations will be adjudicated by the University of Calgary Killam Selection Committee. The Killam Selection Committee shall consist of members from the academic community who have been appointed by the Killam Advisory Committee.

The Research Services Office will contact award recipients and nominating Deans confidentially in September and the public announcement will take place at the annual Killam Reception in October.

8. CONTACT

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