

NSERC John C. Polanyi Award 2024

Updated Information

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- [updated link](#) for accessing the Expression of Interest form

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Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada

Program

Polanyi Award

Description

Created in 2006, the NSERC John C. Polanyi Award is given to an individual or team whose research, conducted in Canada, has led to a recent outstanding advance in any NSERC-supported field of the natural sciences or engineering. The research leading to the advance must have been funded at least partially by an NSERC grant. The award is open to all researchers, regardless of their career stage.

Eligibility

Candidates may be nominated by any individual or group. Self-nominations will not be accepted. In the case of individual candidates, posthumous nominations will also not be accepted. Current NSERC Council members are not eligible for nomination.

Candidates can be at any stage in their career, but at least one of the candidates must hold an NSERC research grant. Also, the research that led to the advance described in the nomination must have been supported by NSERC. NSERC reserves the right to rule on the eligibility of nominations and nominees.

In the case of a team nomination, members may be from academia, government or industry and may be research associates, postdoctoral fellows or students. The team can be part of an international effort, but the majority of the nominated team members must be employed at a Canadian university or public or private organization. NSERC recognizes that teams may change between the time of the specific research achievements and the time of nomination. Nominations will be accepted when changes have occurred but only where the core of the team remains intact.

Prize

The winning individual or team will receive a research grant of up to \$250,000. Research grant funds paid to winners of this prize are subject to the [Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide](#).

Special Notes

Please note that research activities carried out in the context of COVID-19 need to adhere to the University of Guelph COVID-19 research principles, policies, guidelines and processes as they may be updated from time to time and communicated on the [Office of Research web-page](#).

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Tuesday, June 11, 2024 - 9:00am	<p>If you wish to be considered for VPR nomination:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We recommend discussing your interest in this award with your College Research Manager and Associate Dean (Research).2. Submit an Expression of Interest and a CV to ailsakay@uoguelph.ca and copy your College Research Manager. <p>Career interruptions due to parental leave, family care, extended illness or community responsibilities will not negatively impact the committee's assessment of a candidate's research productivity. These will be taken into consideration when EOIs are assessed.</p>

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Thursday, November 28, 2024 - 8:00pm	If your nomination will be submitted by a nominator other than the VPR, please submit directly to the sponsor by the external deadline. Please also submit a copy of the full nomination and OR-5 to research.services@uoguelph.ca .

How to Apply

The Vice-President (Research) encourages nominations for this prestigious award and will serve as nominator for one nominee recommended by the Honours and Awards Advisory Committee. If you wish to nominate a colleague or to be considered for VPR nomination:

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If your nomination will be submitted by a different nominee, and therefore does not require the Vice-President's endorsement, please submit a complete nomination and signed OR-5 to research.services@uoguelph.ca by the external deadline.

For More Information

For more information, please email ailsakay@uoguelph.ca or polanyi@nserc-crsng.gc.ca or visit the [NSERC John C. Polanyi Award's Website](#).

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