

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD 2022

The Distinguished Educator Award is an important form of recognition offered by Selkirk College. This award (along with the Honorary Diplomas and the Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award) is granted by the Board of Governors to recognize persons who have distinguished themselves by their significant contributions to the college and/or by professional accomplishments in their field, and whose excellence will reflect positively upon the institution.

The Distinguished Educator Awards are normally provided to retired employees. Nominees shall not be current members of the College Board, current employees or students of Selkirk College, or individuals who have direct political, legal or budgetary authority over the college.

Criteria for the awarding of a Distinguished Educator Award include:

1. Outstanding and superior faculty work that has been consistently evaluated as excellent by students and peers over a period of at least ten years;
2. Contribution to their discipline through scholarship and notable teaching methods, development of exceptional or innovative curriculum, outstanding service to students;
3. Contribution to their Department or School in a positive way, providing leadership, sharing expertise and motivating others.

Procedures and Timelines:

Any member of the College Community (including the Retirees Association) may nominate an individual to receive a Distinguished Educator Award.

The nomination deadline for this year is Friday, March 4, 2022. Nominations must be in writing and must include a letter, of no less than two and no more than five pages, that explains clearly and concisely why the nominee is deserving of the award, based on the criteria above. The letter should also include a biographical summary outlining accomplishments. The nomination letter must be signed by three individuals. Letters of support, over and above the maximum five-page nomination letter, may be attached. Nomination packages should be sent to Catherine Harder at charder@selkirk.ca. A Selection Committee will be appointed. This committee will review the nominations and recommend the awards to the Board. There will be a maximum of one Distinguished Educator Award per year. In special circumstances, more than one Distinguished Educator could be awarded.

Benefits:

The recipient of the Distinguished Educator Award will be also be honored publicly in College publications. In addition, they will be entitled to:

- Temporary use of a College office (subject to availability) for periods of scholarly or professional activity.
- Free life-time access to the College Library.
- Appropriate courtesies such as invitations to graduation and award ceremonies and other College events.

- Eligibility to apply for grants from external agencies through established college approval mechanisms.
- Eligibility to represent the College at social and fund-raising events on the request of the President or the Board Chair.

The Distinguished Educator Award is also normally presented at the annual Convocation Ceremony (TBC if allowable within current pandemic health and safety protocols).