

Call for Nominations: President's Medal for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership

Terms of Reference

Introduction

MacEwan University Convocation recognizes and celebrates the academic achievements of graduates. Among the medals and awards presented at Convocation is the President's Medal for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership, which recognizes both academic achievement and contribution to enhancing the student experience at MacEwan University.

Number of Awards

Should there be candidates whose contributions merit special recognition, up to two President's Medals may be presented at each Fall and Spring convocation. One medal may be awarded for each of the two levels: 1) undergraduate degree and 2) certificate and diploma credentials. For the purposes of this award, Applied Degrees shall be included in the undergraduate degree level. Medals will be presented during the recipient(s) convocation ceremony.

Important Note: The selected recipient(s) are expected to deliver the Student Address to their graduating class at each convocation ceremony. This speech should celebrate their fellow students' academic journey and the achievements that led to this day. Details are to be provided to recipient(s) upon selection.

Awards Criteria

A successful candidate exemplifies the best qualities of a MacEwan University student by contributing to the betterment of the university in the broader community, while maintaining a high grade point average. Award recipients must demonstrate student leadership which may be expressed through active participation in university committees, groups, organizations, extracurricular activities or active participation in community engagement activities. In addition, the recipient may also have demonstrated involvement in research, scholarly activity, and creative achievements.

Recipients must demonstrate a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.30.

Nomination & Selection

The selection committee is chaired by the university's Provost and Vice-President, Academic, and includes the AVP of Planning, Analysis, and Registrar, AVP Students, two Faculty Members, a representative from the Students' Association of MacEwan University, and a representative from Alumni.

- The selection committee will solicit and accept nominations.
- Three letters of reference from among faculty members, committee chairs, or related organizations should attest to the contribution.
- The committee will consider all information available to them when making the awards selection and will make such inquiries as necessary to select the best candidate.

This committee shall establish procedures and regulations with respect to the review and selection process and the award decision of this body shall be final.

Recipients will be recognized in the published program for the respective Convocation, so selection of recipients must be completed in a timely fashion for publication. To be considered for this award, candidates who are graduating must therefore apply to graduate by University established deadlines, and their course work must be graded by the end of the term immediately preceding the term in which convocation occurs.

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September 2015

Approved by Academic Governance Council

September 18, 2012 (motion AGC-09-09-18-2012)

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February 24, 2014 (motion EC-01-02-24-2014)

Reviewed by Academic Governance Council

March 18, 2014

Approved by Academic Governance Council

September 23, 2014 (motions AGC-05-09-23-2014 and AGC-06-09-23-2014)

Please submit the completed nomination form to the following:

Attn: President's Medal Selection Committee
c/o Fariha Ali, Convocation Coordinator,
MacEwan University
City Centre Campus
Rm 7-118, 10700 – 104 Ave
Edmonton AB T5J 4S2

Email:
alif7@macewan.ca

Nomination Deadline: May 15, 2023, 4 p.m.

Nomination Form: President's Medal for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership

Part A: Nominee Information

Full Name of Student: _____ MacEwan ID Number: _____

Faculty/School and Program Name: _____

Graduation Term (Select One):

PLEASE NOTE: All nominees must be eligible to graduate in either the Spring or Fall of the nomination year. Please consult Dean's Office to confirm.

Describe the nominee's academic achievements (additional pages may be submitted):

Describe the nominee's contribution to enhancing the student experience at MacEwan University (additional pages may be submitted):

Part B: Letters of Reference

Please attach **three letters of reference** from either faculty members, committee chairs or related organizations who can attest to the contribution of the nominee.

Part C: Nominator Information

Full Name of Nominator: _____

Faculty or School: _____

Name of Related Organization: _____

Part D: Dean/Associate Dean Approval

Dean/Associate Dean: _____
Print Name Signature Date