

## **University of Alberta – Augustana Campus Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award Nomination Guidelines**

The Outstanding Undergraduate Research award is granted twice a year to a student whose work has been presented at the Student Academic Conference. The award recognizes the best independent student work over the course of a term. The nomination is to be submitted by the mentor of a student who is completing a for-credit independent study who also presented at the Student Academic Conference. A committee consisting of two to four faculty members (drawn from the Research and Learning Environment committees), and a student member from one of the committees will adjudicate the award.

The committee grants the award based on:

- Submitted student work. Regardless of the type of work undertaken by the student, something must be submitted for the committee to evaluate. The committee is very flexible about type of material that is submitted. The student needs to submit the reflection on their experience to their supervisor.
- Nomination form (attached)

**Deadline:** Last day of the final exam period, 4:00 p.m.

Instructors are responsible for submitting nomination packages (nomination form, letter, student reflection & student submission) to the Executive Assistant to the Associate Deans. (augdean@ualberta.ca), copying the Associate Dean of Teaching (amcintos@ualberta.ca).

The following criteria are used by the committee to assess nominees for this award:

### **Difficulty**

The breadth and/or depth of the challenge undertaken by the student.

### **Industry**

Intellectual effort and its independence, the degree of preparation, and the amount of time dedicated to research or fieldwork.

### **Mastery of topic**

The nature of the critical analysis made by the student. Were they creative in their approach? Did they move beyond the information given to them to develop a broader or deeper understanding of the subject matter?

### **Presentation**

The effectiveness of the oral/written/creative work presented at the student conference. Was it constructed independently? Was it creative and original in approach?

### **Reflection**

The depth of reflection captured in the entry. Evidence of how the project contributed to developing the student as a Thinker, Researcher, and Communicator; How it contributed to personal and professional educational experience and development; Shared what was exciting? What was fun? What was scary? What was difficult? Why the project matters?

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Instructor/Supervisor Nomination Form**

**Name of student:**

**Course Name/Number:**

**Title of student work:**

**Instructor Mentor:**

**Term & year:**

**A.** Please rank your student's contributions according to the following criteria (described on the Guidelines page):

	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>
<b>Difficulty</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Industry</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mastery of Topic</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Presentation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B.** Please provide a written nomination for your student, addressing the criteria outlined on the Guidelines page (please include this as a separate letter and limit your letter to approximately 500 words).

**C.** Please include a copy of the student's self reflection (guidelines can be found on the OUR website).