

## MARTHA COOK PIPER RESEARCH PRIZE

### Terms of reference and application process

This award commemorates Dr. Piper's significant contribution to the research community while Vice-President (Research) and Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) at the University of Alberta from 1993-1997. Two awards are presented annually to faculty members in the early stage of their careers who enjoy a reputation for original research and show outstanding promise as researchers in distinct fields of research:

1. excellence in general area of humanities, social sciences, law, education and fine arts and
2. excellence in the sciences, health sciences, or engineering.

#### Eligibility

Applicants must be within ten (10) years of completing a doctoral degree (or equivalent qualification). For applicants with an MD or DVM degree, the 10-year period begins after completing formal research training. To be eligible, applicants must have obtained the doctoral degree/equivalent (or completed their formal research training) on or after June 9, 2013. Applicants must also have a strong research record and demonstrate outstanding promise as a researcher.

The Office of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) will consider extending the eligibility period for individuals who have taken leave (e.g. parental, illness, compassionate care or emergency)

Three principal criteria for nominee assessment are:

1. Quality of the individual's research
2. Impact of their research on the advancement of the discipline; to date and in the future.
3. Impact of their commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion on other University faculty, students, and the community-at-large

Teaching shall not constitute part of the evaluation except for graduate teaching and supervision relevant to the nominee's research.

#### Selection process

The Office of the Vice President (Research and Innovation) [OVPRI] will review the candidate pool. If the pool is not deemed to represent the diversity of the research community at the University of Alberta, the OVPRI may choose to seek additional nominations of excellent candidates from equity-deserving groups.

Each award category is adjudicated by a committee chaired by the Vice-President (Research and Innovation), or delegate. The committees include one or more Associate Vice-Presidents (Research) and members from the University's research community who suitably represent the diversity that exists across the institution and who conduct research in the designated award category.

#### Application process

Candidates should keep in mind the equity, diversity and inclusion principles in the [University of Alberta Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity](#), the [Dimensions Charter](#), the [Scarborough Charter](#) and the [Indigenous Strategic Plan](#) when preparing their application.

Each candidate is entitled to submit one application per year. If a candidate decides to reapply, an updated dossier is required for each subsequent submission.

The following information must be submitted, in the following order, as part of the application:

- Statement of the category in which the application is to be considered and rationale for the category choice.
- Letter of recommendation from the Dean outlining why the applicant qualifies for the award, emphasizing their contributions to and impact on the discipline. Impact statements should include academic contributions, knowledge mobilization/knowledge transfer as well as their engagement with the community (through research focus/methodology, community outreach activities or other).
- Brief one page statement of how the applicant's research program contributes to equity, diversity or inclusion in the discipline, university or broader community.
- Summary, for a multidisciplinary audience, of the applicant's three most important publications, creative works and/or scholarly contributions. In the summary, include complete citation of the publication, creative work and/or scholarly contribution, and applicant's role. Please limit each summary to a maximum of one page (three pages total). **DO NOT include copies of the publications, creative works and/or scholarly contributions with the nomination package.**
- A short biography of each external assessor for the selection committee's information.
- Two letters are required from external assessors in the candidate's field. **Assessors should be experts with no close collegial or trainee link to the nominee and from outside the University of Alberta.** Letters should address the applicant's suitability in terms of the criteria for the award. Letters of support will be received and maintained in confidence by the University of Alberta, except under limited and specific circumstances. Please request to have letters of support emailed directly to Leslie Parsad, Coordinator, Internal Research Awards and Funding, Office of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) at [parsad@ualberta.ca](mailto:parsad@ualberta.ca).
- Current curriculum vitae listing publication authorship, creative works and/or scholarly contributions as the authorship appears in print (i.e., for multiple-author publications, the applicant's name shall appear in the correct sequence).

### **Deadline and submission**

The deadline for applications is **4:00 p.m., June 9, 2023**. Please submit the application as a single PDF to Leslie Parsad at [parsad@ualberta.ca](mailto:parsad@ualberta.ca).

*Records from this competition will be managed in accordance with the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*