

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 a candidate whose contributions merit special recognition, one President's Medal may be presented at each Fall and Spring convocation. One medal may be awarded to a qualifying graduate. The medal will be presented during the recipient's convocation ceremony.

Important Note: The selected recipient is 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 will be provided to the recipient 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 graduation 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 University Registrar, AVP from the Office of Student Affairs, 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. Letters will be accepted from internal and/or external organizations.
- 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.

The recipient will be recognized in the published program for the respective Convocation, so selection of recipient 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.

Revised

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Attn: President's Medal Selection Committee
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Nomination Deadlines:

Fall 2024 - October 15, 2024 - 4 p.m.

Spring 2025 - May 15, 2025 at 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