1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 Grant MacEwan University periodically grants research awards to faculty whose research, scholarship, or creative activity have made significant contributions to society and the scholarly community within local, national, or international contexts.

2.0 PURPOSE

2.1 The University supports research, scholarship, and creative activity and recognizes faculty who distinguish themselves in this area.

2.2 Recognition of scholarly excellence occurs through a peer-review process that involves internal and external review.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

3.1 A Distinguished Research Award holder must: (a) be a continuing faculty member and (b) have not received the award within the last five years.

3.2 The Award primarily recognizes research, scholarship, and creative activity that is conducted while employed by MacEwan University.

3.1 The University may award one Distinguished Research Award in each academic year to an individual or team.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

4.1 As per policy C5051 Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarly Activity, the University defines research, scholarship, and creative activity broadly to include the scholarship of discovery, application, integration, and interpretation. This framework includes the scholarship of teaching and learning.

5.0 POLICY ELEMENTS

5.1 Roles and Responsibilities

5.1.1 The Provost and Vice President Academic is responsible for this policy.

5.1.2 The senior administrator responsible for research, as designated by the Provost and Vice President Academic, is responsible for the administration of the nomination and selection process for the Distinguished Research Award in consultation with the Research Council.

5.1.3 The Research Council will establish a Distinguished Research Award Selection Committee to review nominations and select recipients.

5.2 The Distinguished Research Award Committee considers several criteria when selecting award recipients such as a sustained record of peer-reviewed publications, creative/artistic work, or leadership in undergraduate research. Nomination forms will specify criteria in more detail.

5.3 Criteria and Nominations
5.3.1 The designated senior administrator responsible for research will develop and publish criteria, processes and procedures in consultation with the Distinguished Research Award Committee.

5.3.1.1 To be considered for the Distinguished Research Award a faculty member’s nomination must be supported by at least three letters of support from professional peers, at least one of whom is a recognized scholar external to the University, and a letter of support from their Dean.

5.3.1.2 Nomination letters will be made available unless the nominator wishes to remain anonymous.

5.3.1.2 Members of the Award Committee or the Research Council are not eligible to submit nominations or to be nominated during years in which they serve on the committee.

5.4 To accept the nomination faculty must supply the Award Committee with a research dossier.

5.5 The Provost and Vice President Academic will notify successful recipients.

5.6 Award recipients will be recognized.

5.7 The recipient of the award will be invited to present their research in a public forum at the University.

5.8 Further procedural documents relating to the nomination and selection process will be developed by the designated senior administrator responsible for research.

6.0 ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES

- D1330-1 Employee Recognition Procedure
- D1330-2 MacEwan University Awards of Excellence Procedure

7.0 RELATED POLICIES, FORMS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

- C5051 Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarly Activity
- D1330 Employee Recognition
- D4220 Naming

8.0 ACCOUNTABILITY

Policy Sponsor
Provost and Vice-President Academic

Responsible Office
Office of Research Services
9.0 HISTORY

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14.12.22: Updated to reflect current policy names and numbers, references to retired policies, and Related Policy listings.

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