



## President's Award for Outstanding Graduate and Postgraduate Supervision, 2026 General Information, Eligibility, and Criteria

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Working with, and mentorship of, graduate and postgraduate students is an important aspect of teaching and learning excellence at Memorial University. In recognition of this, the university has established the President's Award for Outstanding Graduate and Postgraduate Student Supervision. This award is given annually to a graduate or postgraduate student supervisor who demonstrates exemplary supervisory behaviours and serves as an outstanding role model for other supervisors to emulate.

### Nomination Deadlines

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| <b>Monday, May 11, 2026</b> | The completed <b>nomination form</b> and <b>five letters of support</b> must be submitted by the nomination coordinator. |
| <b>Monday, July 6, 2026</b> | The <b>10-page application document with up to 10 pages of appending documents</b> must be submitted by the nominee.     |

Nominations for this award can be made by graduate and postgraduate students. Self-nominations are not considered.

One person must act as the **Nomination Coordinator**. The coordinator must ensure that the nomination is complete and must serve as the liaison between the nominee, the nomination supporters, and the School of Graduate Studies.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for this award the nominee must

- hold a full-time faculty appointment for a minimum of five years of continuous service at any campus of Memorial University (includes full-time faculty appointments in the Faculty of Medicine and at the Marine Institute)
- have a minimum of five years with graduate or postgraduate student supervision responsibilities and successful graduation of supervised students
- not be a former recipient of the President's Award for Outstanding Graduate and Postgraduate Student Supervision

## Criteria

***Fostering Graduate and Postgraduate Student Success in Research and Scholarship:*** The nominee will foster success in the research and scholarship of their graduate and postgraduate students. The nominee will give support in this capacity by providing timely and constructive feedback and regularly monitoring student progression. When appropriate, the nominee will advocate on the student's behalf for the resources necessary for successful completion of their program. The nominee will act as a knowledgeable guide with respect to administrative tasks, safety, and disciplinary standards. It is important that the nominee strives to provide conference and/or publication opportunities for dissemination of student research and scholarship, as well as support for the student's independent exploration of their research topic.

***Fostering Graduate and Postgraduate Student Success in their Profession:*** The nominee will foster success in the professional development of their graduate and postgraduate students, including advancement in their profession. The nominee will encourage students to engage in activities that develop skills in communication, presentation, writing, critical thinking, creative thinking, leadership, and teaching. Students should be encouraged by the nominee to pursue professional training specific to the student's chosen career. The nominee should serve as an advocate for the student during employment and award opportunities, and should provide networking opportunities with other professionals in the discipline. It should be evident that the nominee provides personal support for the development of the student during their program, exemplifying supervisory characteristics such as caring, empathy, respect, trust, and enthusiasm.

## The Award

Recipients of the President's Award for Outstanding Graduate and Postgraduate Student Supervision will be honoured with the following:

- A monetary award of \$5,000 to be used by the recipient in support of activities related to graduate or postgraduate student supervision
- Invited by the School of Graduate Studies to deliver a special lecture on graduate supervision to faculty members at Memorial University
- Designation after the recipient's name in the University Calendar
- Name added to a plaque which lists recipients of the award and is placed on public display in a university building
- A personalized, framed scroll
- Recognition by the President at the President's Award Ceremony

## Selection Committee

The selection Committee is appointed by the President of Memorial University and will normally include the following:

- Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Dean of Graduate Studies, Chair
- One academic staff member in the School of Graduate Studies
- One administrative staff member in the School of Graduate Studies
- One graduate student

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