From the office…

It’s been a busy month for selection committees as three of the top university research awards were adjudicated. There were some tough decisions as we received nominations for some truly outstanding candidates. We look forward to announcing the recipients soon. As you lay on the beach over the summer, get thinking about who you can nominate for these and other awards.

Upcoming deadlines:

- Prix Galien Canada - Jul 31
- Millennium Tech. Prize - Jul 31
- Banting Medal for Scientific Achievement - Aug 26
- Wolf Prizes - Aug 31
- NSERC Science Promotion - Sep 01
- Sloan Res. Fellowships - Sep 15
- Guggenheim Fellowships - Sep 19
- Global Young Academy - Sep 25
- 3M National Teaching Fellowship - Sep 30
- Assoc. of Faculties of Medicine of Canada Awards - Sep 30
- Gairdner Foundation Wightman Special Achievement - Oct 01
- Woodrow Wilson Fellowships - Oct 1
- National Humanities Center Fellowship - Oct 18
- Canadian Academy of Engineering - Oct 31

For more information on these and other awards, please see the Awards and Honours website:

http://www.mun.ca/honours/welcome/

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DONNER PRIZE

Memorial University’s Dr. Alex Marland, an associate professor of political science and associate dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, has received the 2016-17 Donner Prize for his book “Brand Command: Canadian Politics and Democracy in the Age of Message Control”.

The Donner Prize is a prestigious national award that encourages and celebrates excellence in public policy writing by Canadians and has a value of $50,000. “Brand Command” was cited by the jury as “a path-breaking analysis” that is of “undiminished relevance looking forward.” (more here)

FELLOWS, CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING (CAE)

Drs. Brian Veitch and Claude Daley were inducted as fellows of the CAE during the academy’s annual general meeting and symposium on Monday, June 26, in Ottawa, Ont.

Dr. Veitch is a professor in the Department of Ocean and Naval Architectural Engineering and the NSERC/Husky Energy Industrial Research Chair in Safety at Sea. His research involves virtual environments and efforts to improve safety at sea by focusing attention on the human element of safety.

Dr. Daley is a professor in the Department of Ocean and Naval Architectural Engineering and associate dean (research) in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. He specializes in Arctic offshore engineering and is one of the world’s leading experts in the structural design of ice-going ships in ice-covered waters.

Fellows of the academy are nominated and elected by their peers, in view of their distinguished achievements and career-long service and contributions to the engineering profession. (more here)

FOLKLORE MEDAL

A retired Memorial folklore university research professor has received the 2017 Marius-Barbeau Medal.

Dr. Gerald Pocius was recently presented with the honour in Toronto, Ont., by the Folklore Studies Association of Canada (FSAC) at its annual conference. The award recognizes significant contributions for a folklorist over their lifetime to the study of folklore in Canada.

Dr. Pocius is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), considered to be the highest academic honour in Canada. In citing Dr. Pocius’ accomplishments, the RSC refers to him as “English Canada’s leading interpreter of ordinary objects.” (more here)