



## Excellence in Teaching and Outstanding Contribution to Student Life (ETOCSL) Awards

### 2016-2017 Nomination Package

The **Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Outstanding Contribution to Student Life (ETOCSL)** are intended to give students the opportunity to give back to those faculty and staff members at Memorial who have had a positive impact on their lives. The 2016-2017 academic year marks the ninth year that ETOCSL awards have been distributed, and there have been some very worthy recipients and candidates. These are the only awards for faculty and staff at Memorial that are entirely student-run.

Deadline for nominations is **3 March 2017 at 12:00 PM.**

#### Nomination:

	Name	Email	Department
Nominator (Student or Group)			
Nominee			

Award to be considered for (*please select **only one***):

- Excellence in Teaching
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Life

Nominee's Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please note that by signing above you are accepting this nomination.*

Contact information for nominating students (for ceremony invitation purposes only):

Name	Email	Department

## **Award Criteria:**

Please make sure the criteria for the appropriate award are met. If you have any questions contact the MUNSU Director of Advocacy, Hillary Bellows at [advocacy@munsu.ca](mailto:advocacy@munsu.ca) or by visiting the MUNSU office (UC-2000).

### **Excellence in Teaching Awards**

Awards: 3 annually

The Excellence in Teaching Award is meant to recognize outstanding dedication to students and to the pursuit of teaching. Recipients of this award have a record of being open, of listening to students, and, most importantly, of supporting students and assisting in their academic lives.

To be eligible nominees must have taught undergraduate students at Memorial during the 2016-2017 academic year. Full- and part-time instructors, as well as lecturers, are eligible.

Successful candidates will demonstrate the following qualities:

- *Approachability:* A demonstrated record of being open, of listening to students, and of supporting students and assisting them in their academic lives.
- *Communicability:* An ability to clearly communicate subject material to students in a fashion which enables them to understand the material, think about it in a creative fashion, and apply it in appropriate ways.
- *Fairness:* An established record of fair grading and evaluation schemes that accurately reflect the efforts and abilities of students.
- *Engagement:* Demonstrated ability to engage students in the course material and a willingness to go beyond traditional teaching methods.

These awards are meant to recognize the incredible teaching talent at Memorial and acknowledge those instructors who go above and beyond their expected roles to ensure the academic success of their students. As such, the following is **NOT** criteria on which this award is judged: length of service, tenure status, and record of research/publications.

## **Outstanding Contribution to Student Life Award**

Awards: 3 annually

Awarded in recognition of exceptional contributions to the well being of the student population as a whole. This award recognizes instructors and staff who have demonstrated a holistic understanding of the issues students face, and who have committed to supporting the needs of students and the goal of accessible post-secondary education.

To be eligible nominees must be current employees of Memorial University. Both faculty and staff of Memorial University can be nominated.

Successful candidates should demonstrate any of the following:

- *Student Support:* Demonstrated involvement with student success programs and support services.
- *Extracurricular Support:* Support for or involvement with student clubs, societies, and resource centres.
- *Initiative:* Commitment and facilitation of student-faculty-staff projects or initiatives.
- *Academic Support:* Assisting student research projects outside of course requirements; Assisting in scholarship and bursary pursuit.

## **Application Requirements and Nomination Process:**

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Please ensure that nomination packages are complete prior to submission. Complete nominations will consist of:

- 3 letters of support from students (current or past), no more than 2 pages in length
- Acceptance of nomination from nominee (signature on this form) or email sent to [advocacy@munsu.ca](mailto:advocacy@munsu.ca) acknowledging and accepting the nomination.

### **Process**

A subcommittee of the MUN Students' Union will review nominations at length. Members of the subcommittee will include members of the Board of Directors, Executive Directors, and staff of the Students' Union.

## **Timeline**

Nominations close 12:00 PM on Friday, March 3rd, 2017.

The date and time of the awards ceremony will be communicated to all nominators and nominees as well as to the general university community once it has been determined.

For more information, contact Hillary Bellows, Executive Director of Advocacy with the MUN Students' Union at [advocacy@munsu.ca](mailto:advocacy@munsu.ca) or by visiting the office (UC-2000).