**GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH MENTOR AWARD**

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15 annually**

**Terms of Reference**: This award recognizes demonstrated excellence in mentoring graduate student researchers over a sustained period of time. This award is conferred upon a faculty member:

* who has mentored graduate students for more than three years,
* who demonstrates a continuous, long-term commitment to graduate student research, and
* who provides exemplary opportunities for graduate students to pursue independent research and contribute to the creation of new knowledge, ideas, and practices.

**Award**: $1,000 research grant (to be used according to Tri-Council guidelines) and a plaque. TRU is not obligated to offer the award annually.

**Eligibility**: Nominees are TRU faculty members who

* are approved by the Graduate Studies Committee of Senate as full or associate graduate instructors or supervisors,
* have advised graduate student researchers over a sustained period of time (at least three years),
* promote the dissemination of knowledge by publishing or presenting with their students or by encouraging students to publish or present independently,
* are scholars, researchers, artists or professionals with a demonstrated commitment to fostering the intellectual, creative, scholarly, or professional growth of their graduate students, and
* have not received the award during the previous five years.

**Nomination Process**:

* Nominations may be initiated by students, faculty, staff, or administrators
* The formal nomination must be submitted to the Research Office by the Dean’s Office. *Self-nominations will not be considered*.

**Nominations should include:**

* + 1. A letter of nomination no longer than 5 pages indicating ways the nominee:
* contributes to graduate student research, innovation, and/or the production of creative works,
* encourages bold discovery, inquisitiveness and inquiry,
* engages graduate students in major challenges and issues that are pertinent to the discipline or profession, stimulating contribution of new knowledge and new perspectives,
* engenders an understanding of the process of new knowledge creation and the value of original research to society,
* fosters an understanding of integrity in research and scholarship,
* provides opportunities for graduate students to disseminate the results of their work, and
* advances the long-term professional, artistic, or scholarly development of graduate students.
	+ 1. A CV that includes a list of graduate students supervised, any associated funding received, student publications and presentations successfully scaffolded, co-publications and co-presentations/exhibitions/performances with students, and any other information that will help the committee evaluate the candidate’s mentoring achievements.
		2. Letters of Support. Referees must meet the following criteria:
* faculty members, internal or external colleagues, or academic administrators who are in a position to evaluate the nominee’s mentoring accomplishments,
* former graduate students supervised or taught by the nominee.

**Evaluation Committee:**

The Evaluation Committee shall include

* The Vice-President, Research
* The Chair of the Senate Research Committee
* Three approved graduate instructors or supervisors

***Complete nomination packages to be submitted electronically (PDF or Word format) to*** ***research@tru.ca*** ***no later than February 15 annually. Incomplete packages will not be considered.***