



## **New Scholar Award**

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the UTSC New Scholar Award is to recognize and encourage the outstanding research activities and achievements of early career faculty at the University of Toronto Scarborough. The program aims to support and celebrate research that has had, and is bound to have, not only scholarly significance but also an impact beyond academia. The award is open to all full-time professorial faculty (including teaching-stream) with a primary appointment at UTSC who are within 10 years of receiving their PhD or terminal degree. The award recognizes individuals who contribute in a significant way to the research profile and academic environment of U of T Scarborough.

A Selection Committee chaired by the Vice-Principal Research and Innovation and composed of members of the U of T Scarborough Research Advisory Board will assess the nominations and recommend the top candidate to the Vice-President & Principal of U of T Scarborough. The Committee may decline to bestow the award in any given competition year if a suitable candidate has not been nominated. The Selection Committee will determine the balance between quality of the research and potential impact of the award on the research program, a determination that may vary from year to year.

### **Award value**

One award will be available in each of the following streams: A) Sciences, and B) Social Sciences & Humanities. Each award has a monetary component of \$2,500.

### **Guidelines**

1. Eligibility: Nominees should be full-time faculty members (including teaching-stream) with a primary appointment at UTSC who are within 10 years of receiving their PhD or terminal degree. Extensions will be granted for parental leave, medical leave, or other special circumstances, including EDI considerations  
achievements and reputation within their fields, the extent to which their research has had, and is bound to have, a scholarly impact, and an impact beyond academia (e.g., on society, culture, policy, professional practice, the economy) will be considered.
2. Term. The award period is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
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Nomination letter (2 pages maximum): Written in clear, non-specialist language, avoiding verbatim replications of letters of reference for career promotion, and signed by the Chair or Director, the nomination letter needs to:

- indicate the award stream for which the nominee should be considered. A faculty will be nominated for stream A (Sciences) or B (Social Sciences & Humanities)
- detail the reasons for the nomination
- record, as well as their potential impact, to national and international disciplinary norms of excellence
- address the Selection Criteria detailed below (include impact metrics if applicable)
- productivity (e.g., parental leave) as well as any EDI considerations

