

President's Award for Community-Engaged Research - 2023 Call for Nominations

Deadline to submit nomination briefs: February 20, 2023

Submission Dropbox: [MacDrive link](#)

Deadline to submit supporting documents: April 10, 2023

Submission Dropbox: [MacDrive link](#)

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What is PACER?

The President's Awards for Community-Engaged Research (PACER) recognizes teams of campus and community representatives who have demonstrated a commitment to initiating and supporting excellence in community-campus research initiatives.

Developed to recognize and celebrate local (Golden Horseshoe and southwestern Ontario) community-engaged research partnerships that exemplify McMaster's definition and principles of community engagement, the award will include a \$10,000 grant towards furthering a specific community-engaged research project.

Who is eligible to be nominated?

- I. Teams nominated for the President's Awards for Community-Engaged Research must have a minimum of one (1) faculty member and one (1) representative of a community group
- II. Initiatives must be established and in existence for a minimum of one (1) year to be considered

Who can be a nominator?

McMaster students, staff, faculty, and/or community partners are all able to nominate colleagues and partners. The nominator must be *outside* of the partnership group being nominated.

What is the nomination process?

The President's Award for Community-Engaged Research (PACER) has a **two-step nomination process**.

Step 1: Nominators Submit a Nomination Brief

Nominators can submit a nomination using one (1) of the following three (3) formats:

- Written submission: two (2) pages maximum (single-spaced, size 12 (twelve) font, one (1)-inch margins)

- Video submission: six (6) minutes maximum (MP4 format)
- Audio submission: six (6) minutes maximum (MP3 format)

The nomination submission should include the following details:

<i>Context</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are you nominating? • What is their project? • When did this partnership begin? • Where does the partnership take place?
<i>Contributions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the partnership deserving of being nominated (i.e. how has the partnership impacted the broader community)? • How does the partnership meet the criteria of the award? (See Appendix A for award criteria)

Step 1 Submission Details Deadline: February 20, 2023	
<p>The nominator should complete and submit their nomination briefs to this MacDrive dropbox by February 20, 2023.</p> <p>Once a nomination has been submitted, it will be reviewed by the PACER team. The PACER team would then reach out to request supporting documents.</p>	
<p>Before submitting, please ensure that your file is labelled using the following convention: ProjectName_Nominator/NomineeName</p> <p>If you are submitting multiple files, please add all files to a folder before submitting.</p>	

Step 2: Nominees Provide Supporting Documents

Once a nomination has been submitted, the PACER team will reach out to the nominees and will request supporting documents. The supporting documents should include:

<i>Project Overview</i>	<p>Nominees can submit a project overview using one (1) of the following three (3) formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submission: two (2) pages maximum (single-spaced, size 12 (twelve) font, one (1)-inch margins) • Video submission: six (6) minutes maximum (MP4 format) • Audio submission: six (6) minutes maximum (MP3 format) <p>Project overview should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of the project • A description of the project partnerships • The impact and community contributions of the project • Plans for funds (i.e., How will this partnership use the award money to further their efforts?)
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<i>Faculty Member CV(s)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) CV per McMaster faculty member involved in the project • Please limit CVs to 10 (ten) pages maximum (double-spaced, size 12 font, 1-inch margins), prioritizing research, teaching, and service activities pertaining to community engagement
<i>Three (3) Letters of Reference</i>	<p>Referees can submit a letter using one (1) of the following three (3) formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submission: two (2) pages maximum (single-spaced, size 12 (twelve) font, one (1)-inch margins) • Video submission: six (6) minutes maximum (MP4 format) • Audio submission: six (6) minutes maximum (MP3 format) <p>Referees should be able to comment on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who/which project are you recommending? • What is your relationship to the nominee(s)? • Why is the partnership deserving of this award? • How has the partnership impacted the community?

<p>Step 2 Submission Details Deadline: April 10, 2023</p>
<p>The nominees should complete and submit their supporting document packages to this MacDrive dropbox by April 10, 2023.</p>

What supports are available in the process?

- If you have inquires or require assistance for putting together the nomination submission, please email Shahad Al-Saqqar (Strategic Manager of Community-Engaged Research at the Office of Community Engagement) at alsagqss@mcmaster.ca
- For more information about PACER, the Selection Committee, past award recipients, or other frequently asked questions, please visit: <https://community.mcmaster.ca/our-programs-and-initiatives/presidents-award/#tab-content-ov>

Appendix A– PACER Evaluation Criteria

All nominations will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary selection committee including student, instructor, staff, and community representatives on the following criteria:

- Does the partnership align with McMaster’s definition of community engagement* and model McMaster’s principles of community engagement?
- Does the partnership include students in the project, thereby building capacity for future leadership in the field?
- Does the partnership support and/or inspire change in the community(s) where the partnership is working? Is there clear impact on the community(s)?
- Does the partnership have a clear plan to use the award money to further their efforts and benefit the community?

*The definition of Community Engagement used to evaluate submissions includes:

- Valuing the expert knowledge and passion that members of the community have about their communities and issues affecting them
- Fostering ongoing collaboration between University and community partners on how to better understand and consider the issues identified as priorities by local communities
- Performing research with community members and partners for the public good within the local community