

WEST COAST TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2023 NOMINATIONS

The West Coast Teaching Excellence Award, hosted by the British Columbia Teaching and Learning Council (BC and Yukon), recognizes excellence in postsecondary teaching over a number of years, primarily at the undergraduate level.

An individual nominated for this award will be characterized by a proven commitment to enhanced student engagement and learning, a reflective and intentional approach to teaching practices, and dedication to teaching improvement including successful implementation of any of the 94 *Calls to Action* from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (BCTLC).

This award is an opportunity for recipients who are on the path to move from institutional teaching awards to national teaching awards such as the 3M National Teaching Fellowship.

The BCTLC will select up to five recipients from different post-secondary institutions. Each institution can submit **up to two** nominations per year.

TRU will hold an internal selection process to determine this year's nominees. Full applications from selected nominees are due to the BCTLC by February 28, 2023.

In 2022, Dr. Lyn Baldwin, Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, was one of five recipients of the West Coast Teaching Excellence Awards.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications consist of a 20-page (maximum) dossier, including a nomination letter from the President, Provost and Vice-President Academic, or designate.

Please see the [West Coast Teaching Award web page](#) for details on eligibility, criteria, and what must be submitted in the dossier.

TRU INTERNAL SELECTION OF NOMINEES PROCESS

The Teaching and Learning Committee of Senate oversees TRU's internal selection process for the WCT Award. Coordination of the internal selection process is supported by the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT).

1. **Submission of Dossiers**

Internal applicants must submit their dossier to celt@tru.ca by February 10, 2023.

2. **Adjudication of Applications and Selection of Nominees**

An internal adjudication committee comprised of members of the Teaching and Learning Committee of Senate will review the dossiers and choose up to two nominees from TRU. Decisions will be based on the BCTLC West Coast Teaching Award eligibility and criteria. The process for adjudication of WCT Award is modelled after TRU's Merit Awards (ADM 7-0).

3. **Nomination Letters**

The Provost and Vice President Academic will write the nomination letters and will forward nominations to the BCTLC Awards Committee by the February 28, 2023 deadline.

TIMELINE (2022-23)

Each of the nominating institutions will have its own procedures and criteria relating to internal teaching awards. The following timeline reflects TRU’s internal notification, selection, and nomination deadlines. The application deadline for WCT award is February 28, 2023, at 4:00pm PST.

Date	Activity
November 29, 2022	BCTLC call for nominations for the 2023 West Coast Teaching Excellence Awards
November 30, 2022	CELT notification to TRU faculties and schools seeking applications
December 20, 2022	CELT invitation to attend a virtual panel presentation “ <i>How to develop a winning teaching portfolio for WCT</i> ” hosted by BCTLC
January 6, 2023	Panel presentation “ <i>How to develop a winning teaching portfolio for WCT</i> ” hosted by BCTLC
January 19, 2023	CELT notification to faculties and schools detailing TRU’s internal adjudication process for the WCT awards
February 10, 2023	Deadline to submit WCT dossiers to CELT
February 13-17, 2023	TRU internal adjudication committee review of dossiers, selection of up to two nominees, and recommendation to Provost and Vice President Academic
February 21-27, 2023	Provost review of recommendations and preparation of nomination letters
February 28, 2023	Provost submission of nominations for WCT awards to BCTLC

CONTACT

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