

Kathleen O'Connell Teaching Excellence Award

New College

This award honors outstanding teaching and recognizes the important contributions made by sessional instructional staff to the teaching mission of New College in its academic programs, interdisciplinary courses and writing centre. Dr. Kathleen O'Connell has taught courses on Rabindranath Tagore and Satyajit Ray at New College for two decades, beginning in 1993. Her teaching, in the spirit of both Tagore and Ray, exemplifies New College's commitment to socially engaged education and pedagogical innovation.

Value of the Award

A Certificate of Recognition and a prize of \$2500.

Eligibility

All instructors are eligible to be nominated. Instructors must have been employed by New College under the CUPE3902 Unit 3 Collective Agreement within the current academic year and have taught a minimum of one half course or 130 hours in the current academic year. All categories and ranks of instructor within the CUPE3902 Unit 3 employed at New College are eligible, including Sessional Lecturers I, II and III, Writing Instructors I and II, and Sessional Instructional Assistants.

For Sessional Lecturers and Instructional Assistants, relevant courses are those with a NEW designator or jointly offered courses administered by New College (e.g. JQR360H1). The current academic year refers to the May-August Summer Session and the Fall/Winter Session immediately preceding the April 30 deadline for the submission of nominations.

Nomination Process

The Vice-Principal, New College, will solicit nominations annually to be submitted by April 30. Nominations may be made by students on the basis of their experience of the candidate's teaching in courses offered by New College or in the New College Writing Centre, or by colleagues teaching in New College programs and courses, including faculty, sessional instructors, writing instructors and teaching assistants.

Nominators will submit the Nomination Form and a Letter of Nomination outlining how the candidate exemplifies excellent teaching at New College. Up to two additional supporting letters may be submitted.

Upon receipt of a nomination, the Vice-Principal will confirm the eligibility of the nominee and solicit supporting materials from the candidate in the form of a teaching dossier (e.g., a CV, syllabi, teaching materials). The Vice-Principal will also supply teaching evaluations to the Awards Committee.

Candidates will be assessed by a committee consisting of the Vice-Principal, two faculty members, a student from New College or taking courses in New College programs, and a member of CUPE3902 Unit 3, if possible, the previous year's winner. Preference will be given to candidates who have not previously received the award.

The award may not be conferred every year.

Criteria for excellence may include:

1. Excellent knowledge and communication of subject area
2. Motivating and engaging students in learning
3. Promoting socially engaged learning
4. Promoting deep learning, critical thinking, and independent learning
5. Promoting and developing teaching practices that foster equity and diversity
6. Effective or innovative approaches to fostering interdisciplinarity
7. Excellent course design
8. Creating effective learning environments
9. Designing effective or innovative learning activities
10. Designing effective or innovative teaching materials
11. Effective use of technology
12. Effective methods to develop core skills (e.g., communication, collaborative, and research skills)
13. Effective or innovative assessment methods and effective feedback
14. Reflecting critically on teaching and learning; demonstrated commitment to teaching

New College Sessional Teaching Excellence Award (CUPE3902 Unit 3)

Nomination Form

SUBMISSION DATE:

CANDIDATE

CANDIDATE'S NAME:
CANDIDATE'S EMAIL:
TEACHING ROLE AT NEW COLLEGE:

NOMINATOR/S

NOMINATOR/S NAME/S
EMAIL
RELATION TO THE CANDIDATE'S TEACHING AT NEW COLLEGE

PROGRAM/UNIT DIRECTOR

NAME
PROGRAM/UNIT DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE