

## **KILLAM ANNUAL PROFESSORSHIPS**

### Terms of reference and application process

The Killam Annual Professorships were established in July 1991 to acknowledge the generous Izaak Walton Killam and Dorothy Killam bequest at the University of Alberta. The award is granted to faculty members based on the quality and impacts of their scholarly and teaching activities as well as their commitment to [Access, Community, and Belonging](#) (ACB), and community engagement within and beyond the university.

A maximum of four Killam Annual Professorships are awarded annually. The prizes are funded from the Killam General Endowment and valued at \$7,000 each.

### **Eligibility**

There are four main criteria:

1. A record of outstanding scholarship and research impact as recognized within a specific field, discipline, or more broadly. Evidence of outstanding scholarship may include publications, citations, creative activities, presented papers, innovations, patents, licenses, or awards and recognitions for research. Research impact is the demonstrable contribution of research processes and outputs to scholarship and society. See [Research Impact Definition](#) for more information.
2. A record of outstanding teaching as recognized within a specific field, discipline, or more broadly. Evidence of outstanding teaching may include career progression of students directly supervised, reviews for courses taught, or awards and recognitions for teaching.
3. A record of community engagement that enhances scholarship and teaching as well as enhances the reputation of the university. Community engagement can consist of engagement with other academic disciplines, other academic institutions, service providers, industry, community groups, government, etc.
4. A record of incorporation of the principles of [Access, Community, and Belonging](#) (ACB) in the research program. Access ensures all have the opportunities to succeed and flourish by dismantling barriers. Community emphasizes connection and shared purpose. Belonging creates an environment where individuals feel seen, valued, and supported.

All regular, continuing, full-time academic faculty members are eligible to apply with the following conditions:

- No more than two Killam Annual Professorships will be awarded to faculty members in any one faculty in any given year.
- No more than one Killam Annual Professorship will be awarded to any one person.

## **Selection Process**

The award is adjudicated by a committee chaired by the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) or delegate. The committee includes one or more of the Associate Vice-Presidents (Research) and members from the University's research community who are suitably representative of the diversity that exists across the institution.

The OVPRI will confirm that the selected recipients are members of good standing in their Faculty prior to notification.

## **Application Process**

Applications from candidates of all backgrounds and disciplines are welcome to apply.

The following information must be submitted as part of the application:

- Submit complete [Application Form](#) (Google Form)
- Curriculum vitae should include your Employment History, a list of all Academic Positions you have held, a list of Internal and External Awards you have received, a list of publications and research grants/contracts awarded, a brief description of publication conventions in your field, and a list of graduate and/or undergraduate students you have supervised.
  - In the sections on student supervision, indicate which students you have directly supervised. Where possible, provide known information on the career progression of students you directly supervised who have since graduated, e.g., pursuing masters level graduate studies, pursuing doctoral level graduate studies, post doctoral researcher, employed [title, name of organization], other [describe]
  - You may identify students for whom you have served as a member of a supervisory committee
  - In the section on publication conventions, explain your choice of venues for the dissemination of research results. In addition to the more traditional peer-reviewed journals, you may also include books, chapters of books, articles, monographs, memoirs, special papers, reviews, conference/symposia proceedings and abstracts, patents, creative or artistic works, government publications, book reviews by the candidate or published reviews of their work, research reports, papers presented at scholarly meetings or conferences, and other forms of written scholarly expression, including participation in public discourse and debate, which constitute a contribution to research.
- Letter of support (maximum 2 pages) from an academic or community referee that highlights the candidate's research impact. Research impact is the demonstrable contribution of research processes and outputs to scholarship and society. See [Research Impact Definition](#) for more information.
- Letter of support (maximum 2 pages) from an external academic referee in the candidate's field of research. **Referee should be an expert in the field of**

**research from outside the University with no close collegial or trainee link to the candidate.** Letters should address the candidate's suitability in terms of the criteria for the award and not be a reiteration of their CV. The letter should also include a brief biography of the referee for the selection committee's information (may be included as a separate page).

The University of Alberta will receive and maintain letters of support in confidence, except under limited and specific circumstances. Please request to have letters of support emailed directly to Leslie Parsad, Coordinator, Internal Research Awards and Funding, Office of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) at [parsad@ualberta.ca](mailto:parsad@ualberta.ca).

### **Deadline**

Two letters of support and Application Form (google form) are to be submitted to Leslie Parsad at [parsad@ualberta.ca](mailto:parsad@ualberta.ca) by **4:00 p.m. on June 13, 2025**. Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible and not considered for the award.

*Records from this competition will be managed in accordance with the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*