

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGAGEMENT

Learning, Teaching, and Community Engagement along with Research are the central academic functions that enable the actualization of UWC's Vision, Mission and Values in furtherance of the UWC IOP 2016-2020. It is important that academic and professional support staff members that excel in any of these functions are publicly recognized and suitably rewarded. However, UWC acknowledges that, as is the case at many higher education institutions, the Learning, Teaching and the Community Engagement functions, respectively, have, in the past not been recognised and rewarded to the same extent as the research function. Consequently, as part of the UWC's commitment to enhance the status of Learning, Teaching and Community Engagement as well as the quality of the learning experience provided to its students, a range of prestigious awards will be made to recognize excellence in Learning, Teaching and Community Engagement, for both staff and students (academic and professional support staff), who excel. The Call for submissions for the Excellence in Learning and Teaching Awards will be done via the Offices of the Deans of the respective Faculties.

Engagement is the process of transferring, applying and sharing the university's knowledge and resources with those of the broader community (both internal and external) to enrich scholarship, research and creative activity; enhance learning and teaching; contribute to public good and transformation and to enhance social, economic and ecological sustainability.

The engagement awards aim to recognise and reward individuals and teams who excel at integrating engagement into the teaching and learning and research and scholarship of the university. The awards will be known as the Engagement Excellence Awards. Two institutional awards will be made, namely the Engagement Excellence Award and the Engagement Excellence Team Award.

Engagement Excellence Award

This prestigious award aims to recognise and reward an individual who:

- Excels in integrating teaching and learning, research and scholarship and engagement, and
- Demonstrates excellence in engagement at an institutional level.
- Made an outstanding contribution towards advancing engagement as one of the core functions of the institution.
- Is able to provide leadership and examples of best practice in the field of engagement.

Engagement Excellence Team Award

The award aims to recognise and reward teams who:

- Show evidence of integrating engagement into teaching and learning and research and scholarship.
- Have made outstanding contributions to advancing the UWC's strategic engagement priorities and goals over a sustained period of time.
- Are able to provide examples of best practice in the field of engagement.

This is a call to all academics and professional support staff to submit a Portfolio of Evidence, to be eligible for the **Engagement Excellence Award and/or the Engagement Excellence Team Award**. Applicants are required to report on their engagement activities linked to at least two of the four broad engagement categories. These categories are often integrated and interconnected, as engagement activities are often linked, interdependent and synergistic and may fall within more than one category.

- Engagement through Profession/Discipline-Based Service provision
- Engagement through Teaching and Learning
- Engagement through Research and Scholarship
- Community Service and Outreach.

Portfolios of evidence must be submitted to the **Office of the DVC: Academic by no later than 18 February 2019. Electronic submissions are encouraged.** All the awards will be made at the DVC: Academic Achievers' Dinner on 3 April 2019.