



## Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Award

Research has the potential to generate genuine and sustained improvements in our colleges and institutes. It gives educators new opportunities to reflect on and assess their teaching; to explore and test new ideas, methods, and materials; to assess how effective the new approaches were; to share feedback with colleagues; and to make decisions about which new approaches to include in their curriculum, instruction, and assessment plans. If done carefully and thoughtfully, this type of research can improve an individual's teaching and provide guidance for improvement for others.

The Alberta Colleges and Institutes Faculties Association (ACIFA), through the Alberta Post-Secondary Trust Fund, will award one grant of \$1,000 annually for a research project related to improving teaching and learning that was conducted by members of ACIFA. The award is intended to assist with materials and/or study costs associated with the research project.

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Award is given to an instructor for a teaching and learning practice that recorded what was done and why it was done, that collected data, analyzed the data, and reflected on how the results might influence future teaching endeavors.

### Eligibility

This award is open to all members of the Alberta Colleges and Institutes Faculties Association. The research project may span part or all of the current academic year but must not exceed that time limit.

### Proposal for Research Guidelines

Applications for this proposal can be completed using the [SOTL Award Application Form](#)

The following information will be requested:

1. Name, address, phone number and e-mail address of researcher(s). If more than one researcher, please identify the lead researcher
2. Name of college or institute the researcher is a member of
3. Designated teaching assignment and employment category
4. Title of the research project
5. The inspiration for research project
6. Description of the plan to share the results with the educational community beyond the requirements of the award.
7. Copy of the research proposal
  - Title of project
  - Purpose
  - Materials used in study
  - Data collection plan
  - Process used to analyze and evaluate the data
  - Implementation plans
  - Project start and end date
10. Copy of approval from the ethics board or the member's institution



### **Application Dates**

**January 4, 2019** – Applications must be submitted using the [nomination form](#) by midnight

**January 7, 2019** – The applications will be forwarded to the nominees' faculty associations

**January 14, 2019** – Faculty associations to notify the PAC Committee Chair of their selections (2 max)

**January 15, 2019** – The PAC Award Sub-Committees will receive the selected award nominations

**January 30, 2019** – The ACIFA Awards Committee will notify the award winner

### **Mutual Obligations**

- The ACIFA Awards Committee will award the winner of the ACIFA Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Award with \$1000.
- ACIFA will fund the winner's conference registration, accommodations, and travel expenses for the year in which the research project presentation is given.
- An announcement regarding the award will be posted in the ACIFA newsletter and on the ACIFA website.
- The abstracts of the top three submissions will be posted on the ACIFA website.

### **The Award Winner will be expected to:**

- Attend the ACIFA Annual Conference to accept the award.
- Submit for publication in the ACIFA newsletter a description of the innovation and its successful implementation before the end of the year in which the Award was won.
- Present the winning submission in a session at the ACIFA Annual Conference the year following the research project's completion.

The award is sponsored and administered by the **Alberta Colleges and Institutes Faculties Association**.