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MEMORANDUM

TO: St. Thomas University Community

FROM: Dr. Kim Fenwick, Vice-President (Academic & Research)

DATE: January 9, 2020

RE: Special Merit Awards

Nominations are being accepted for Special Merit Awards for Teaching, Research, and Service that recognize the outstanding contributions of our full-time faculty members in their areas of professional responsibility.

- The **John McKendy Memorial Teaching Award** recognizes teaching quality and effectiveness.
- The **University Scholarship Award** recognizes scholarly work including research, publications, and work of creative or cultural significance.
- The **University Service Award** recognizes contributions to the University, the professional field, the Union, and the community.

Our standard for these awards is the achievement of excellence in these areas of activities. The awards generally recognize individuals who make outstanding contributions in the year in which the award is made; however, achievements which represent the culmination of several years' work will also be considered for recognition.

Nominations may be made to the Special Merit Awards Committee by students, faculty, alumni, or administrators in the form of a letter to the Vice-President (Academic & Research) that indicates the rationale for the nomination with reference to some or all of the criteria noted above. The letter may be multiply signed; however, the primary consideration will be the substance of the nomination rather than the number of signatories.

*The letters of nomination are due by **Friday, February 14th** at the Office of the Vice-President (Academic & Research) in McCain Hall, Room 400.*

The Special Merit Awards are valued at \$1500 each and are deposited to the Professional Development Reimbursement account of the honoured faculty member. They are presented at Spring Convocation and promoted through traditional and digital media.

These awards recognize and honour excellence in our faculty, and I look forward to receiving your nominations. Further information may be found at

<https://www.stu.ca/media/stu/site-content/documents/policies-and-reports/POLICY-Special-Merit-Awards-2014.may2018..pdf>

Thank you.