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Christophe Pierre Award for Research Excellence (Early Career) Nomination Guidelines

1. **Name, nature and frequency of award**

   The Christophe Pierre Award for Research Excellence (Early Career) recognizes early excellence and potential for future pre-eminence in research by academic staff in the Faculty of Engineering. The award consists of a certificate of recognition and a monetary award of *$2,500*, which the recipient may use as a salary stipend or to support his/her research, teaching, and professional activities.

2. **Eligibility**

   Nominees must have at minimum a half-time tenure-track academic appointment in the Faculty of Engineering, have earned their Ph.D. degrees within 8 years of the year of nomination, and must not have received this award previously.

3. **Criteria**

   The criteria to be used in judging nominees are:

   - Innovation and impact of the research program and the discoveries developed by the nominee during his/her period of employment in the Faculty of Engineering at McGill University (40%).
   - National and international recognition of excellence and impact of the nominee's research on the Faculty, the University, and society as a whole (40%).
   - Although the nomination document must particularly highlight research and discovery impacts, teaching and service contributions to the Faculty and McGill will also be considered (20%).

4. **Nominating Procedure**

   Any tenure-track faculty member may submit a nomination. No self-nominations are accepted. All nominations shall include the following documents.

   - A nomination statement that speaks most directly to the importance of the nominee's accomplishments;
   - A nomination form signed by the Department Chair or School Director, indicating support of the nominee's unit for the nomination;
   - Three (3) letters of support, one of which is from a McGill faculty member and two of which are recognized researchers (academic or otherwise) external to the university. **Additional letters will not be considered**.

   The dossier should be emailed to Sobhi El-Khouri (deansecretary.engineering@mcgill.ca) from the Chair or Director of the nominating unit. Unsuccessful nominations will automatically be considered for one additional year; Chairs or Directors of the nominating units will be invited to provide an updated dossier prior to consideration.

Deadline: Nominations must be emailed to Sobhi El-khouri at deansecretary.engineering@mcgill.ca by Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

5. **The Engineering Committee on Faculty Awards**

   The Engineering Committee on Faculty Awards, chaired by the Dean or his/her representative, makes the final decision as to whether or not to give an award and to whom it is to be given. If a member of this Committee is nominated for an award, the Dean will appoint a replacement member.