

## Community Professor Award

### Purpose

The RBC Community Professor Award, valued at \$500, is given to a Community Partner of Western University who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to Community Engaged Learning (CEL)/Experiential Learning and advancing the academic experience of students by guiding them through a community project. Funded by the RBC, this award recognizes an individual who has engaged students by teaching them about the social issue for which they are working, providing examples of what it means to be a strong community leader, and actively engaging in Community Engaged Learning/Experiential Learning programs at Western.

The funds awarded are intended to assist the Community Partner in investing in current and future Community Engaged Learning/Experiential Learning initiatives at Western, including, but not limited to involvement in CEL courses, the Western Serves Network, Alternative Spring Break, Orientation Serves, and Orientation Month – Timeraiser.

### Award Value

There are 2 awards valued at \$500. Funds will be awarded to the Community Partner organization to which the Community Supervisor is connected.

### Eligibility

To be considered for the RBC Community Professor Award, Community Partners must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a registered nonprofit organization
- Participation in at least one CEL/Experiential Learning course or program offered by Western University
- Demonstrated interest in a continued CEL/Experiential Learning partnership with Western
- Interest in investing funds into CEL/Experiential programs within the Community Partner organization

### Evaluation Criteria

Nominations for the RBC Community Professor Award will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Assists students in developing critical thinking skills
- Empowers students to adopt a strong sense of civic engagement and social responsibility
- Provides students with context to apply academic learning outside the classroom
- Provides students with an enhanced understanding of diverse cultures, communities and social issues
- Allows students to learn and practice transferable skills, including communication, team-building and problem solving

## DEADLINE

Nominations for the RBC Community Professor Award are due **Friday, March 30th**.

Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Appreciation Event in April.

## Nomination and Selection Process

The RBC Community Professor Award is awarded to a Community Partner who has been nominated through one or more of the following methods:

- A faculty member who has integrated Community Engaged Learning/Experiential Learning into course curriculum and who has created a strong CEL-based partnership with a Community Partner
- A student who has participated in a CEL/Experiential Learning-based initiative out of Western who has benefitted from the teaching and guidance of a Community Partner or individual within a Community Partner organization

To nominate a community partner, please complete the form at the following link:

<https://www.westerncareercentral.ca/recruit/commprofessor.htm>

Nominations will be reviewed and adjudicated by members of The Student Success Centre at Western University and external committee members.

The recipient of the RBC Community Professor Award will be presented with the award at the Community Partner Recognition Lunch at the commencement of the academic year.

The RBC Community Professor Award is made possible by:



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