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Harrison McCain Foundation Awards – Call for Proposals

We are pleased to announce the second call for applications for the Harrison McCain Foundation Awards, which will be **due by 4:30 p.m., March 9, 2012**. The recipients will be announced by March 30.

We have a host of early-career scholars performing important work in a diverse array of disciplines. The awards will advance innovative research and encourage early-career scholars to explore new ways of teaching and engaging students. Awardees will also be able to use these awards to leverage additional funding from the public and private sectors, enlarging Acadia's intellectual and economic footprint in Nova Scotia.

All awards will be administered through Acadia's Office of the Vice-President Academic. The Adjudication Committee comprises the Vice-President Academic, the Deans of Research and Graduate Studies, Arts, Pure and Applied Science, and Professional Studies, the Acadia Student Union's Vice-President Academic and three elected members of Faculty, Lynn Aylward, Judith Leidl and Elhadi Shakshuki.

The following three categories of Harrison McCain Awards have been established, with an anticipated total disbursement of \$200K in 2012-13. Applicants may only apply to one award category in a given year. Two Harrison McCain awards may not be held simultaneously.

Emerging Scholars Awards - ~\$100K/yr

We anticipate funding approximately seven awards in this category to support curiosity and outcome-driven research, and innovative pedagogical development. Projects may vary in duration from 1 to 3 years, with funding ranging from \$12-\$20K each, in total. Eligible applicants include professors, instructors and librarians who hold ongoing appointments (tenure-stream, tenured, probationary, continuing and contractually-limited-term protected), with preference given to individuals within 8 years of their ongoing appointment at Acadia. Eligible expenses include: equipment, supplies, travel and student research stipends. Costs of publication and organization of symposia and workshops are also eligible.

Applications will be judged on the quality of the research proposal and the extent to which the proposal incorporates opportunities for student engagement in research. Consideration will also be given to the extent of innovation and inter/trans-disciplinarity.

Recognizing the increasing number of global opportunities for faculty enrichment, we have again included two additional award categories to fund academic exchanges and collaboration:

Visiting Professorships - ~\$67K/yr

These awards will provide incremental support to outstanding scholars around the world looking for opportunities to visit and collaborate at Acadia. We anticipate awards in the second year ranging from \$5-\$20K, to support both emerging and well established scholars. Use of these funds can vary from covering full costs of brief, intense visits for collaboration on specific research and pedagogical issues, to covering partial costs of visiting sabbaticants for longer periods. Preference will be given to applicants visiting for at least 6 weeks in duration who will engage in research and pedagogical activity. *All applicants require an Acadia sponsor.*

Visitorships for Acadia Scholars - ~\$30K/yr

We anticipate awards in the second year, ranging from \$5-\$20K, to support Acadia professors, instructors and librarians who hold ongoing appointments who wish to visit other institutions for collaborative opportunities. These can cover full costs of short visits or partial costs of more prolonged visits, such as sabbaticals. Preference will be given to individuals in the early stages of their career at Acadia.

Applications for the latter two award categories will be judged on the quality of the research proposal and the extent to which the proposal incorporates opportunities for student engagement in research. Consideration will also be given to the extent of innovation and inter/trans-disciplinarity.

Both award categories are expected to enhance Acadia's reputation internationally and create additional opportunities for our students.

Application forms for all three awards are available at:

<http://vpacademic.acadiau.ca/>

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