**Lakehead University**

**Building Research Capacity Award**

To achieve research excellence across disciplines, dedicated researchers at Lakehead University continue to actively collaborate in university-wide initiatives such as preparation of significant research proposals, lobbying government, and engaging in other unique research capacity building strategies. Lakehead University values the drive and dedication of its researchers and applauds all such initiatives. To formally recognize the contributions of these dedicated individuals or groups to the University’s research capacity and productivity as a whole, Lakehead University invites nominations for the annual Building Research Capacity Award.

**Eligibility:**

Only full-time tenure-track and tenured Lakehead University faculty members are eligible for this award.

**Criteria:**

Each year the Building Research Capacity Award is presented to an individual researcher or a group of researchers who enhanced Lakehead University’s research capacity beyond their individual program(s) of research by:

* Contributing to major Lakehead University research initiatives or projects resulting in benefits to the university;
* Creating successful interdisciplinary research centres or groups that have increased research capacity and external funding at the University;
* Demonstrated research leadership and mentorship of junior researchers and highly qualified personnel resulting in increased research capacity; and/or
* Creating a legacy for researchers to utilize and/or build upon (i.e., research infrastructure, research tools, etc.) to ensure continued research productivity and success at Lakehead University.

**Nomination Process:**

**Eligible nominators must be full-time tenure-track or tenured faculty members; self-nominations will also be accepted. Nominations are due February 8, 2016.** Nomination packages are to be submitted to Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Vice-President (Research and Innovation) and must contain the following documentation (submit nominations as one PDF document via e-mail to ea.vpri@lakeheadu.ca):

* Letter of nomination highlighting the major contributions of the individual or group in accordance with the award criteria;
* Evidence of the contributions made by the individual or group; and/or
* Any other evidence of the relevant research capacity building that the nominator wishes to submit in support of the nomination.

**Selection Committee:**

The Vice-President (Research and Innovation) shall appoint a Selection Committee comprised of Lakehead University Tri-Council Representatives, the Chair of the Senate Research Committee and other members as appropriate. The Selection Committee will review all submitted nominations and make its recommendations to the Vice-President (Research and Innovation). The Selection Committee may recommend that the award not be presented if applications received do not meet the award criteria.

**Award:** A cash award of $1,000 and a framed certificate will be presented to the selected recipient(s) during Research and Innovation Week’s Awards Reception.