

TRU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The Distinguished Alumni Award Program

Since 1995 the Alumni Association has honoured both graduates (*Alumni from Cariboo College, University College of the Cariboo, Thompson Rivers University and TRU Open Learning*) and Friends of TRU who have distinguished themselves on a regional, national or international level in one or many of the following areas (but *not exclusive to*);

- Academic Achievement
- Arts and Culture
- Athletic Achievement
- Professional Achievement
- Public Service
- Service to the Community
- Service to the University
- Significant contribution to Trades or Industry

Honourees will be hosted at the TRU Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, where alumni, staff and faculty friends and colleagues will pay tribute to their achievements and call to the public's attention the vital role that TRU graduates play in the social and economic lives of their communities.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

I. Confidentiality

All submissions received will be kept confidential by the selected committee members of the TRU Alumni and Friends Association, Board of Directors.

II. Timing/Selection Procedures

1. A call for nominations will be made during the **months of September thru November 30th** for the following spring awards ceremony (April).
 - a. *Nominations are accepted continuously throughout the year, nominations received after the **Nov 30th** will be considered for the following year.*
2. The Awards committee will adjudicate the awards(**first week in December**) based on the established criteria
3. Award recipients will be notified by email, phone and official invitation.
4. Formal award presentations are made at our Awards Dinner (April).
5. The pool of eligible candidates shall consist of all valid nominations received over 12 months ending November as well as nominations packages received within the past 24 months that were not previously selected for these awards.
6. All categories may not be awarded annually.

III. Information to be submitted

A valid nomination package will consist of the following:

1. One completed Nomination Form
 - One completed Nominee Release Form signed by the nominee:
 - Agreeing to let their name stand in nomination and attend the dinner if selected
2. Supporting letter(s) of reference. (not to exceed three)
3. Resume or curriculum vitae of nominee.
4. Other relevant supporting documentation (*newspaper/magazine articles, awards or recognitions*)



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IV. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. These awards recognize a level of excellence and/or outstanding contributions, of living alumni and friends, at a regional, national or international level, to their professions, communities, society-at-large, or TRU.
2. Nominees for the Distinguished Alumni Awards and Rising Star Award: must have attended Cariboo College, UCC, TRU or TRU-Open Learning and have received a degree, diploma, certificate or post-baccalaureate or earned 30 credits toward a university transfer program.
3. Nominees for the Honourary and the Milestone Award: can be any Alumni or Friend of TRU that meets the award criteria outlined below.
4. Persons currently serving in the positions listed below may not be considered as eligible nominees:
 - a. Active politicians
 - b. Current TRU Alumni Association Board of Directors
 - c. Current administration of TRU
5. The candidate(s) selected to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award must attend the Awards Dinner to receive the award (*except in an unexpected emergency or illness*).
6. Award Categories:
 - **Distinguished Alumni:**
This prestigious award recognizes alumni whose truly outstanding achievements have earned them regional, national or international prominence in one or more of the above fields.
 - **Alumni Milestone Achievement Award**
This award recognizes the accomplishments of a group (business, association or service clubs) whose collective efforts have created an institutional milestone and made a unique contribution to the life and goals of TRU, the students and alumni. This is awarded to a group that provides innovative skill building experience, volunteer and career opportunities.
 - **Honourary Alumni:**
This award recognizes significant contributions made by a non-TRU alumnus to the Alumni Association and/or TRU.
 - **Life Time of Distinguished Achievement**
Recognizes an extraordinary individual, who through a lifetime of outstanding service continues to contribute to the community, demonstrates the spirit of the Alumni & Friends Association and acts as a role model for those who follow.



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Nomination Form

Please note: Nomination packages will remain on file for two years (become the property of the TRU Alumni & Friends Association) to be put forward for consideration for two years after the original submission. Please feel free to contact our office with additional information at any time after you have submitted your nomination package.

Required Nomination Documentation and Information:

1. A completed nomination form signed by the nominator.
 - Please include: A signed Nominees Release Form.
2. Supporting letter (s) of reference and other relevant supporting documentation.
3. Brief chronological biography of nominee
 - Listing or summarizing the nominee's achievements that may include: Career positions, titles, institution affiliations, awards, publications, honours, accomplishments and contributions.
4. Summation from the nominator explaining why this person deserves this recognition
 - May include electronic links and websites that highlight the accomplishments of the nominee

My nominee for a TRU Distinguished Alumni Award is:

Nominee's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Email: _____

TRU Degree/Diploma/Certificate (if applicable) : _____
(Circle one) (Identify accreditation if known)

Award Categories: (check one)

Note: All submissions received will be kept confidential

Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Honourary Alumni Milestone Award

Nominator's Declaration:

Name: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature of Nominator

Date



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Nominees Release Form

The TRU Distinguished Alumni Award program identifies and honours graduates who have made outstanding achievements or contributions in fields such as academic achievement, arts and culture, athletic achievements, professional achievements, public services, service to the community, and service to the university. The recognition of accomplished alumni promotes the excellence of the university, its graduates and the Alumni & Friends Association.

You have been nominated for this prestigious award. You are encouraged to provide your nominator with information about your achievements that will illustrate your accomplishments. Please read and complete this release form that indicates your agreement to be nominated under the following conditions:

1. Your name stands in nomination for the Distinguished Alumni Award for a period of two year(s) from the date of nomination. The nomination will remain active for three years from submission.
2. If you are selected as the winner of this award, you will agree to attend the award ceremony and dinner. In situations of unexpected emergencies or illness, this requirement may be waived.
3. You will be prepared to speak on your knowledge of the subject area for which you have been nominated as an ambassador for the University at the award ceremony and at other scheduled speaking opportunities on campus and in the community.
4. You will allow information in this nomination package and other personal information gathered for this purpose to be used for publicity and promotional purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy (FOI/POP) Act.

I agree to let my name stand for nomination of a TRU Distinguished Alumni Award and to the above conditions.

Name: _____

Signature

Date

Please submit the completed nomination package to:
TRU Alumni & Friends Association, 900 McGill Rd, Kamloops, BC, V2C 0C8
Clock Tower RM: 140 Fax: 250-828-5265 Email: alumni@tru.ca