



KILLAM AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING

Complete list of previous award winners:

Competition	Award Winner	Department	Notes
Fall 2004	Joan Anderson	School of Nursing	joint award
Fall 2004	George McWhirter	Theatre, Film and Creative Writing	joint award
Fall 2005	Derek Gregory	Geography	joint award
Fall 2005	William Milsom	Zoology	joint award
Fall 2006	T. Andrew Black	Faculty of Land and Food Systems	
Fall 2007	Geraldine Pratt	Geography	
Fall 2008	Rita Irwin	Curriculum and Pedagogy	
Fall 2009	John Grace	Chemical and Biological Engineering	
Fall 2010	Akram Alfantazi	Materials Engineering	mid-career award
Fall 2010	Robert Hancock	Microbiology and Immunology	joint award in the senior category
Fall 2010	Dolph Schluter	Zoology	joint award in the senior category
Fall 2011	Adlai Fisher	Sauder School of Business	mid-career award
Fall 2011	Michael Fryzuk	Chemistry	joint award in the senior category
Fall 2011	Brian McIlroy	Theatre and Film	joint award in the senior category
Fall 2012	Carl Leggo	Language and Literacy Education	senior award
Fall 2012	Mark MacLachlan	Chemistry	joint award in the mid-career category
Fall 2012	Joanna McGrenere	Computer Science	joint award in the mid-career category
Fall 2013	Rabab Ward	Electrical and Computer Engineering	senior award
Fall 2013	Laurel Schafer	Chemistry	mid-career award

Citations of recent award winners:

CARL LEGGO

Dr. Carl Leggo is considered by colleagues and graduate students, “simply superior at graduate mentoring”. He joined the Department of Language and Literacy Education in 1990 and has supervised a remarkable cohort of doctoral and masters students [236 total supervised and co-supervised]. He is lauded for his “critical compassion”, “wisdom” and unstinting dedication to his mentees’ intellectual development and personal well-being. A distinguished scholar and poet, Dr. Leggo encourages his students to develop innovative approaches to research and publication because he “engages, listens closely and deeply, and enters into a dialogue at the end of which new pathways and possibilities most often emerge.”

MARK MACLACHLAN

Since joining the Department of Chemistry in 2001, Dr. Mark MacLachlan has established a dynamic research program that has nurtured and a remarkable cadre of graduate and postgraduate scholars. Those he has supervised – many of whom now hold significant academic and professional posts – praise Dr. MacLachlan’s “enthusiasm and vigor,” his effective guidance of their



research, encouragement of “learning through self-direction and self-discovery,” and “faith in their ability to generate ideas.” Alongside scientific and scholarly inspiration, stands his availability, timely communication, “caring” mentorship and strategic advocacy for each student’s professional advancement well beyond graduation.

JOANNA MCGRENERE

Dedicated to the intellectual growth and personal well-being of her many graduate students, Dr. Joanna McGrenere joined the Department of Computer Science in 2002. She is highly respected as a graduate mentor by students and colleagues alike, particularly for the way in which she prioritizes graduate supervision. One complimented “Joanna’s outstanding ability to create positive relationships and constructive interactions in which she enables research excellence.” Another recalled how “all feedback, even criticism, is provided in a respectful, non-confrontational manner, giving students the scaffolding necessary for them to take ownership of their progress.”

RABAB WARD

Dr. Rabab Ward has been widely admired as an exemplary researcher, teacher and mentor throughout her highly distinguished career of over 30 years in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Students from her very first PhD graduate in 1985 to current lab members expressed deep appreciation for her profound generosity of time and spirit, unwavering commitment to research excellence, tireless dedication to students’ professional skill development, and facilitation of outstanding career opportunities within and beyond the academy. Dr. Ward has nurtured a generation of confident, ambitious researchers who carry forward her passion for mentoring and social contribution.

LAUREL SCHAFFER

Since joining the Department of Chemistry in 2001, Dr. Laurel Schaffer has had an extraordinary record of attracting and mentoring award-winning students and postdoctoral fellows, guiding them to reach their full potential in a wide range of successful careers. Her trainees extol her ability to recognize and build on the unique interests and attributes of each individual, fostering their curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills by example and through persistent encouragement and constructive criticism. Her laboratory is renowned for its respectful, ethical, and supportive dynamics, and students cherish her active and caring engagement in their lifelong academic, professional and personal development.