



## THE MCLEAN AWARD – GUIDELINES

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*The McLean Endowment was created in 1995-96 by a gift of \$1 million from Mr. William F. McLean, alumnus and benefactor of the University of Toronto. The McLean Endowment is administered by the University's Connaught Committee. The principles of peer review and high academic standards which dictate the distribution of funds from the Connaught Fund also apply to the distribution of funds from the McLean Endowment. The McLean Endowment will be preserved in perpetuity and the real income from the endowment will be matched annually with proceeds of the University's Connaught Fund to create the McLean Award in the amount of \$125,000. One McLean Award will be made in this competition.*

**Application Deadline: January 15, 2018**

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the McLean Endowment is to support outstanding **basic** research at the University of Toronto in the following fields: physics, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, engineering sciences, and the theory and methods of statistics.

The specific purpose of the McLean Award is to provide extraordinary support to an outstanding researcher relatively early in his or her career by assisting the awardee to attract and support graduate students and post-doctoral fellows of great promise as part of his/her research team. The award recipient will be known as the *McLean Senior Fellow*. Students and post-doctoral fellows receiving support from the Award will be known as *McLean Graduate Fellows* and *McLean Post-doctoral Fellows*, respectively.

The McLean Award may be spent only on financial support for the student and post-doctoral members of the research team and any necessary travel and related expenses associated with these individuals. Funds from the Award cannot be used for equipment or other infrastructure support, nor for the personal compensation of the Awardee.

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the McLean Award is restricted to full-time **tenured or tenure stream** members of the University's faculty who conduct research in the fields designated above and who are, as of the date of application, within **twelve** years or less of having received the Ph.D. Final determination of the eligibility of applicants and area of research will be made by the adjudication panel.

## APPLICATION

Application is to be submitted using the form available on the website and submitted via [MRA](#) (My Research Applications). The submission deadline is January 15, 2018.

The McLean Award is intended to support basic research<sup>1</sup> in the fields of physics, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, engineering sciences, and the theory and methods of statistics. The onus is on applicants to provide sufficient information in the application for reviewers to assess the research and confirm that it falls within the mandate of this program.

## BUDGET

No budget is required. The successful applicant will receive \$125,000 to support his or her research within the eligible expenditure categories set out above. The pace of expenditure of the Award is left entirely to the discretion of the awardee although the funds must be spent within seven years of the date of the Award.

## REPORT

The Award Recipient may be asked to report on the impact of the award by the Connaught Committee during or after (typically less than two pages). These reports should briefly describe the impact of the McLean Award and must list the names of all McLean Graduate Fellows and McLean Post-doctoral Fellows funded by the Award.

## ADJUDICATION

The McLean Award has been awarded annually to an outstanding faculty member of the University of Toronto to support his or her research program and research team. The two principal criteria in making the award will be the demonstrated excellence of the applicant's scientific and scholarly contributions to date and the importance and promise of the proposed research program. The two criteria will be given approximately equal weight but, where necessary to choose between two relatively equal applicants, additional weight will be given to contributions to date.

Applications will be reviewed by a Panel composed of University of Toronto faculty members. A selected short list of applications will be sent to external reviewers and recommendation for one award will be made by the Review Panel. The final decision regarding the Award will be made by the Connaught Committee, upon receipt of the Panel's recommendation.

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<sup>1</sup> Basic research, also called pure research or fundamental research, is scientific research aimed to improve scientific theories for improved understanding or prediction of natural or other phenomena." (Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basic\\_research](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basic_research))