FES Dean’s Teaching Awards

In order to acknowledge and support excellence in teaching within the Faculty of Environmental Studies, the Dean will offer one annual teaching award based on the criteria and procedures outlined below. This award is open to all FES faculty members, whether full or part time, and whether teaching in the undergraduate and/or graduate program. The purpose of this award is to celebrate and encourage teachers who academically challenge, motivate and inspire their students beyond normal expectations.

Criteria:

The successful faculty member will be outstanding in one or more of the following areas:

1. **Classroom teaching:** offers an exceptionally challenging and rewarding undergraduate and/or graduate course, including such things as a stimulating classroom experience and, if relevant, constructive feedback on class presentations and assignments.

2. **Advising/supervising:** provides excellent guidance to students, demonstrating concern for their intellectual development and for their timely progress in the program.

3. **Curriculum & Pedagogy:** offers a significant contribution to FES’ curriculum and/or pedagogy through innovative course or program design, the development of new educational materials, or the publication of outstanding articles about teaching in peer-reviewed or professional journals.

Procedures:

1. Faculty members may be nominated by another faculty member or by a student (no self-nominations).
2. The nominator must submit a cover letter explaining why the nominated candidate is an exceptional educator and making reference to the criteria above.
3. Nominations must include the names of three students and/or faculty members who agree to write letters of support.
4. Educational material that supports the nomination cannot exceed ten (10) pages, e.g. course evaluations, course outlines, samples of audio-visual materials, abstract of a publication, etc. (Note that course evaluations may be included only by permission of the nominated faculty member.)

5. A complete nomination package and three (3) letters of support must be received to the Dean’s office on or before March 22, 2012.

N.B. Winners cannot be re-nominated for 3 years following their award.