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## Message from Dr. Mark G. Torchia, Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning)

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Date: September 19, 2018

To: Deans, Directors, Associate Deans (Undergraduate) and Department Heads

From: Dr. Mark Torchia, Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning) 

Subject: **Unit Nominations for 3M National Teaching Fellowships**

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The 3M National Teaching Fellowships are among the most prestigious awards recognizing teaching excellence and educational leadership in Canada. Up to ten national fellowships are awarded annually. I am writing to strongly encourage you to identify a member of your unit who should be considered for nomination for this award.

We know that many University of Manitoba faculty members have distinguished themselves as exceptional teachers and mentors, and have won University or faculty-based teaching awards. However, only a select few have received the 3M National Teaching Fellowship: Jack R. London (Law, 1987), Beverly J. Cameron (Economics, 1991), Norman E. Cameron (Economics, 1994), M.G. (Ron) Britton (Engineering, 1995), and Donald W. Trim (Mathematics, 1997).

We have a university-wide internal process to develop and support nominations. An advisory committee reviews Unit nominations and assists in the selection of the University's nominee(s). Brent Deere, Research Awards Administrator, works with the advisory committee, the Marketing Communications Office (MCO), the nominator(s), and the nominee(s) on the application package(s). Preparation of the nominations is quite lengthy and we have learned that often nominees must be nominated three or more times before they are successful. This should not deter us from nominating exceptional U of M teachers, but it does speak to the time and effort involved in the nomination process. We are also aware that 3M award winners have nominations that clearly demonstrate teaching excellence and leadership from within their discipline and outside their discipline (both nationally and internationally). This is the most important criteria used by the committee in the selection of successful applicants. Here is further information about the 3M National Teaching Fellowships:

### **The 3M National Teaching Fellowship Eligibility Criteria**

The Fellowship is open to any individual currently teaching at a Canadian university, regardless of discipline, program, level, or term of appointment. It is not a lifetime achievement award. Likewise, it is not an award for full-time administrators whose teaching opportunities have been significantly reduced for the past five or more years. To be invited to join the 3M National Teaching Fellowship, nominees must demonstrate: i) Excellence in teaching over five recent years, principally (but not necessarily exclusively) at the undergraduate level; and ii) Demonstrate commitment to leadership and improving university teaching, with emphasis on

contributions beyond the nominee's discipline, job description, or profession. Selected winners of the 3M National Teaching Fellowship are invited to become lifetime members of The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE). Complete information regarding the 3M National Teaching Fellowships can be found at the following link:

<http://www.stlhe.ca/awards/3m-national-teaching-fellowships/>.

The next anticipated deadline for submitting 3M Teaching Fellowships nominations will be in **September, 2019**. The committee would like to identify potential nominees now to help develop the strongest applications possible.

**If there are distinguished members of your faculty/school who, because of their original contributions to teaching excellence and educational leadership, warrant consideration for nomination for a 3M National Teaching Fellowship, please submit the following:**

- an updated copy of the faculty member's *curriculum vitae*;
- a short paragraph as to why the person should be nominated;
- a copy of her/his recent SEEQ scores (excluding students' comments); and
- a 1-page document highlighting her/his 'Teaching Philosophy'.

Please forward these materials to Brent Deere ([brent.deere@umanitoba.ca](mailto:brent.deere@umanitoba.ca)) by **Friday, November 2, 2018**.

We look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Brent Deere.

cc: Dr. Janice Ristock, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)  
Brent Deere, Research Awards Administrator