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## **PRESIDENT’S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD**

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Each award period, the president may recognize an outstanding student or students who have furthered the relationship between the College and our larger communities and/or demonstrated exemplary contributions to the College community. There is the possibility for an awardee/awardees from each NIC campus though the award is not necessarily presented in each graduation year.

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of this policy is to provide criteria and guidelines for the President’s Community Engagement Award.

### **PRINCIPLES**

1. All graduating students are eligible for consideration in the year in which their credential is granted.
2. “Community” is broadly considered to include aspects of our College and campus cultures and of the College’s relationships with indigenous communities, local business organizations, local non-profit organizations, municipalities, schools, community groups, and local businesses.
3. Community engagement and related activities for which a student receives course credit, forms part of their assessment for a course or courses, or are paid for by the College are not eligible grounds for consideration for this award.
4. Academic standing sufficient to merit graduation a necessary criterion for eligibility but is not a consideration for receipt of the award.

**Definitions:**

Awards Committee – Faculty, staff, students, and external community members who review nominations and make recommendations to the president regarding awardees.

College Community – all aspects of our College and campus cultures and of the College's relationships with First Nations, local business organizations, local non-profit organizations, municipalities, schools, community groups, and local businesses.

Community Engagement – the participation in relationships and activities that create benefits for the College Community or aspects thereof.

**Links to Other Related Policies, Documents and Websites:**

NIC Policy #3-08 President's Award for Academic Excellence

## **APPENDIX A PROCEDURES**

1. The registrar is responsible for coordinating all recommendations from the deans to present to the Senior Education Team.
2. The Senior Education Team will choose the award candidates. Selections will be presented to the President for final approval.
3. Nominations for the President's Community Engagement Award will be sought by the Office of the Registrar at the start of each Winter semester. Nominations will close at the conclusion of the Winter semester Reading Break.
4. Nominations may be made by any member of the College community or our community partners. Self-nominations are accepted.
5. Elements of the nomination package will include:
  - a. indication of the student's agreement to be nominated;
  - b. at least two (2) and up to five (5) letters of support; and
  - c. background information on relevant initiatives or community organizations as the nominator deems necessary.
6. Nomination package elements may change from award period to award period and should balance the Senior Education Team's need to understand the contribution of the nominee with the need to avoid the creation of an onerous application process.
7. The Senior Education Team will forward their award recommendation to the Office of the President and the Office of the Registrar within one week of the approval of the graduates for the academic period by the NIC Board of Governors.
8. The President's Community Engagement Award will be presented by NIC's President at the graduation ceremony for the award recipient.