



2022 President's Awards Nomination Process

SAIT is proud to recognize and celebrate transformational community impact, partnership and student leadership through its annual **President's Awards**.

- President's Student Leadership Award (SAIT student clubs and groups)
- President's Medal (graduating SAIT students only)
- Spring Class of 2022 Valedictorian (graduating SAIT students only)

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

PRESIDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP, GROUP OR CLUB

SAIT is made up of shapers, makers and originals. You can hear it in our hallways, see it in our classrooms and even taste it at our Marketplace. Our students graduate being "career ready" – we expect a lot of them and covet those who help their classmates excel. The President's Student Leadership Group/Club Award recognizes a **student group** that has demonstrated innovation and initiative in creating opportunities/advancements for SAIT, fellow students, industry and the community. Submissions for this award should include examples of the following:

- Meaningful collaboration and/or connection with industry
- Projects to improve campus life for students
- Projects, activities or volunteer efforts that strengthen SAIT's reputation in the community

PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

On the occasion of SAIT's Centennial, President Dr. David Ross inaugurated the President's Medal to celebrate outstanding **student** achievement. Recipients of the President's Medal will have made significant contributions to campus life, demonstrated leadership with industry and achieved excellence in their field of study. Submissions for this award should include examples of the following:

- Collaboration and connection with industry
- Projects to improve campus life for students
- Projects, activities or volunteer efforts that strengthen SAIT's reputation in the community

PLEASE NOTE: Self-nominations require approval from your Dean or Academic Chair. They will receive a copy of your application once you hit submit. Please ensure that they are aware of your submission. You will receive notification on your application status when their review has been completed.

*This award is open only to **graduating** students with a GPA greater than 3.0.*



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SPRING CLASS OF 2022 VALEDICTORIAN

Convocation is one of the most important times for Sait students. They have worked hard to achieve their credential and look forward to the official ceremony, marking this truly special day. Every spring and fall convocation includes a valedictorian address. Spring convocation typically has multiple valedictorians. Valedictorians are chosen based on the following:

- Academic standing
- Contributions to the Sait community
- Leadership traits
- Eligibility to graduate
- Self-nominations will not be accepted

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Call for nominations: **December 7, 2021**
- Nomination forms are submitted online by **February 11, 2022**

ELIGIBILITY

Sait does not exclude the nomination of individuals or corporations who have been awarded other Sait honours such as the Distinguished Alumni Award, Outstanding Young Alumni Award or recipients of an Honorary Degree. Posthumous nominations are eligible.

Current members of the Sait Board of Governors, employees and sitting government officials are not eligible for the awards.



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SELECTION & NOTIFICATION PROCESS

1. **Nominations open – December 7, 2021**
2. **Nominations close – February 11, 2022**
3. **Selections**
 - a. **Last two weeks of February** - All eligible nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee assembled by the president’s office.
 - b. **First week of March**- Recommendations will be brought forward to President Ross for selection.
 - c. **End of March** - Calls to selected award winners to confirm acceptance.

PLEASE NOTE: The names of the recipients are kept strictly confidential until the official announcement.

HOW TO SUBMIT A SUCCESSFUL NOMINATION

1. The number of nominations is not what decides a recipient.
2. Multiple nominations with different and/or enhanced information about the nominee helps us understand the depth and breadth of the nominee’s qualifications.
3. Research – a well-prepared nomination takes a little bit of time. Make it worthwhile by researching, asking questions and connecting with those that have some experience with the nominee, the more you find out, the better the nomination is.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2020/21	
President’s Medal	Rigel Raju
Student Leadership	Student Investment Management Trust
2019/20	
President’s Medal	Ryan Morstad
President’s Medal	Yetendra Solanki
Student Leadership	Phi Theta Kappa, SAIT’s chapter — Beta Sigma Tau



**2022 President's Awards
Nomination Process**

2018/19	
Partnership	Brookfield Residential
Cornerstone	Keith MacPhail
President's Medal	Sara Land
Student Leadership	Enactus
2017/18	
Partnership	Brawn Family Foundation
President's Medal	Akhil Sharma
Student Leadership	2018 Great Northern Concrete Toboggan Race Team
Student Leadership	SAIT Accounting Society
2016/17	
Partnership	Royal Bank of Canada
Cornerstone	JC Miller (Posthumously)
President's Medal	Hamzah Al Hakime
President's Medal	Yekaterina (Kat) Giyasova
Student Leadership – Club	Instrumentation Club
2015/16	
Partnership	CPA Alberta
Partnership	Cisco Systems
Cornerstone	Clayton Carroll
Student Leadership	Lorie Tran
Student Leadership	Student Petroleum Society
2014/15	
Partnership	Xerox Canada
Partnership	Avalon Master Builder
Cornerstone	John Aldred
Student Leadership	Architectural Technologies Student Association
Student Leadership	Amanda Siebert
2013/14	
Partnership	Cenovus Energy
Volunteerism	Beat Hegnauer
Student Leadership	SAITSA
Student Leadership	Enactus
2011	
Partnership	Shell
Volunteerism	Mel Svendsen
2010	
Partnership	Founding Builders Leadership Circle
Volunteerism	Roger Jarvis



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2009	
Promising Futures™ Campaign Launch – no awards	
2008	
Partnership	TransCanada Corp
Volunteerism	Martin Cohos
2007	Enerplus
2006	Jayman MasterBUILT
2005	Nexen Inc.
2004	Encana Corporation