

Nomination Process

SAIT is proud to recognize and celebrate transformational community impact, partnership and student leadership. This year we have joined forces to include nominations for SAIT's spring valedictorian at convocation, along with the President's Awards.

NOMINATION PERIOD AND SELECTIONS

Call for nominations: **January 6, 2021**

[Nomination forms](#) are submitted online by **January 27, 2021**

Selection

- a. **First week of March** - All eligible nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee and nominations brought forward to Dr. David Ross, SAIT President and CEO for selection.
- b. **Second week of March** - Calls to selected award winners to confirm acceptance. Condition of acceptance is that representatives are present able to take part in a virtual awards ceremony in March.
- c. **Valedictorian** nominations will be reviewed by a separate committee and the successful candidate(s) will be contacted directly.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. 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.
- b. Current members of the SAIT Board of Governors, employees and sitting government officials are not eligible for the awards.

HOW TO SUBMIT A SUCCESSFUL NOMINATION

- a. The number of nominations is not what decides a recipient.
- b. Multiple nominations with different and/or enhanced information about the nominee helps us understand the depth and breadth of the nominee's qualifications.
- c. 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!
- d. On time – submit your nomination on or before the deadline of January 27, 2021.

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

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 could 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

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

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 that marks this truly special day. Every spring and fall convocation includes a valedictorian address at each of the ceremonies. Valedictorians are chosen based on the following:

- Academic standing
- Contributions to the SAIT community
- Leadership traits
- Eligibility

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 class rooms 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** who has demonstrated innovation and initiative in creating opportunities/advancements for SAIT, fellow students, industry and the community. Submissions for this award could 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 PARTNERSHIP AWARD

SAIT's future is brimming with opportunity and promise. Our students are poised to be the next generation of innovators who will push the boundaries of conventional wisdom. SAIT's strategic partners are essential to making that happen. The President's Partnership Award recognizes **businesses, corporations, foundations or associations** that have shown long-term commitment to SAIT, its vision and to the Calgary community.

Submissions for this award should include examples of the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated strategic alliance with SAIT resulting in initiatives that promote the advancement of applied education, demonstrate innovation and/or support student success
2. Exemplary leadership and achievements in business and the community