



**FOR INFORMATION**

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**TO:** Academic Board

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**DATE:** February 12, 2026 for February 26, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM:** 12

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Selection Committee: President's Teaching Award, 2025-2026

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Under section 4 of the Terms of Reference, the Board has authority over "matters arising in connection with the award of fellowships, scholarships, medals, prizes and other awards for academic achievement." Under section 5 of the Academic Board's Terms of Reference, the Board has responsibility for awards.

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

**1. Academic Board [For Information] (February 26, 2026)**

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The membership of the President's Teaching Award Selection Committee for 2024-2025 was submitted to Academic Board on March 6, 2025.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The University-wide President's Teaching Award recognizes sustained excellence in teaching and significant contributions in educational leadership.

The Provost formed a Selection Committee consisting of six internal University of Toronto members and one external member from another university. The composition of the Committee is made up of distinguished faculty members with outstanding teaching profiles in a broad spectrum of disciplines, including previous recipients of the President's Teaching Award.

President Woodin fully supports the membership of the Selection Committee and therefore the Provost is submitting this Committee to Academic Board for information.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

President's Teaching Award recipients receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for each of the five years of their appointment to the President's Teaching Academy.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

- Letter to the Chair of Academic Board



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*Academic Board – February 26, 2026*

January 30, 2026

Professor Donald Ainslie  
Chair, Academic Board

Dear Professor Ainslie,

I am pleased to report to the Academic Board the membership of the President's Teaching Award Selection Committee for 2025-26. The members are:

- **Trevor Young**, Vice-President & Provost (Chair)
- **Susan Lewis**, Vice-Provost, Academic Programs, Western University (external assessor)\*
- **Susan McCahan**, Associate Vice-President and Vice-Provost, Digital Strategies; and Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education\*
- **Aarthi Ashok**, Professor, Teaching Stream, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough\*\*\*
- **Sanjeev Sockalingam**, Vice-Chair and Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Temerty Faculty of Medicine
- **Steven Thorpe**, Professor, Department of Materials Science & Engineering, Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering\*\*
- **Allison Van Beek**, Executive Director, Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation

*\*Member of 2024-25 Selection Committee*

*\*\*Member of 2023-24 Selection Committee*

*\*\*\*Member of 2020-21 Selection Committee*

Sincerely,

Trevor Young  
Vice-President & Provost