

Procedure for Faculty Excellence Awards

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To foster excellence among faculty members, in all areas of academic pursuit at the Technion, excellence awards will be distributed. The distribution of awards will take place at an official ceremony held during the Board of Governors meeting, and will be given proper publicity throughout the Technion campus. The amount of the award will be determined from time to time by the Technion management.

The composition of the Judging Committee for honoring faculty members with excellence awards (hereinafter: "the Committee") will be: the Executive VP of Academic Affairs - EVPAA (chairman), the Executive VP of Research (EVPR), 4 full-time tenured professors from four different academic units, to be appointed by the Steering Committee with the approval of the Academic Plenary members with a vote, and an elected academic member from the Board of Governors or a senior faculty member from another university nominated by the EVPAA, whose appointment will be presented for the approval of the Steering Committee, and for the information of the Senate and the Academic Plenary. If judging concerns teaching awards, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies will be added to the Committee.

The awards are conferred for outstanding achievements in the areas the faculty member is active in (e.g.: research, teaching, overall contribution to the Technion). The candidates for awards will be from 2 groups:

- 1. Group "A":** Full professors
- 2. Group "B":** Faculty members from the rank of lecturer to the rank of associate professor, and the corresponding ranks.

Group "A" Awards:

1. Any head of academic unit and any full professor may nominate candidates for an award. A person may not nominate himself. A nomination must be supported by detailed arguments and pertinent documentation (articles, reports, etc.).
2. If it sees fit, the Committee will turn, with regard to each candidate, to references also outside the Technion, in accordance with generally accepted criteria in granting awards.
3. The Committee's decision will be final and incontestable. The Committee will not present the grounds for its negative decisions.
4. The President, the Executive Vice Presidents, and the Committee members cannot be candidates for an excellence award.

Group "B" Awards:

1. Any head of academic unit may nominate candidates for an award. A nomination must be supported by detailed arguments and pertinent documentation (articles, reports, etc.), as well as two professional opinions.

The head of unit will consult with the members of the Unit Preparatory Committee and will report their opinion.

2. The Committee will examine the recommendations presented for each candidate, and supplement them as it sees fit, with additional opinions from outside the academic unit or from outside the Technion. (This will be done in accordance with generally accepted criteria in promotion procedures or in research foundations.)
3. The Committee's decision will be final and incontestable. The Committee will not present the grounds for its negative decisions.

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