

2023 Recipients of the AAU Regional Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Leadership Announced



Dr. Rachel Alpha Johnston Hurst
St. Francis Xavier University
*2023 AAU Distinguished Teaching
Award Recipient*



Dr. Linda Pearse
Mount Allison University
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Dr. Stacey MacKinnon
University of Prince Edward Island
*2023 AAU Anne Marie MacKinnon
Educational Leadership Award Recipient*

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HALIFAX, N.S. - The Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) today announced the recipients of its annual Regional Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Leadership.

The three AAU Teaching Award recipients are: Dr. Rachel Alpha Johnston Hurst, Department of Women's & Gender Studies, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS; Dr. Linda Pearse, Department of Music, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB; and Dr. Stacey MacKinnon, Department of Psychology, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PE.

AAU member universities proposed nominees for the Teaching Awards program and recipients are selected by the [AAU's Coordinating Committee on Faculty Development](#).

[Dr. MacKinnon](#) received the 2023 AAU Anne Marie MacKinnon Educational Leadership Award. This award recognizes an individual who significantly influences teaching practice and the quality and breadth of student learning experiences beyond their own teaching assignment and context.

[Dr. Hurst](#) and [Dr. Pearse](#), each received the 2023 AAU Distinguished Teaching Award. This award recognizes excellence in university teaching over a number of years, primarily at the undergraduate level.

Dr. Rob Summerby-Murray, President, Saint Mary's University and Chair, AAU, said, "The AAU Teaching Awards program represents core values of our universities: student success, innovation, and leadership. Those honoured today are true innovators in the classroom, the laboratory, and community. Their commitment to great teaching inspires our students to become the next generation of scholars and community leaders."

The [AAU](#) represents the 16 universities in Atlantic Canada and serves as an advocate for the important role Atlantic universities play in preparing future leaders of our communities, in path-breaking research and innovation and in contributing to the economic prosperity and quality of life of the Atlantic region.

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