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## Dr. Regis Duffy Academic Achievement Award

### DESCRIPTION

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This award was created in honour of Dr. J. Regis Duffy. Regis Duffy's roots run deep in the Island's soil. He was born and raised on Earl and Annie Duffy's farm in Kinkora, the eldest in a family of 12. After graduating from the local high school, he attended St. Dunstan's University, one of UPEI's predecessor institutions, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1953.

His distinguished career as a scientist began in 1962 when he graduated with a PhD in Chemistry from Fordham University and took charge of the fledgling Chemistry department at St. Dunstan's University. He upgraded the laboratories, expanded the curriculum, and introduced summer research programs for undergraduates. In 1969, he went on to become the first Dean of Science at the newly-established University of Prince Edward Island. The following year, he spread his wings beyond the confines of academia out into the burgeoning entrepreneurial field of chemical manufacturing. This led him to establish his first off-campus laboratory to explore research possibilities in the health care field.

From humble beginnings, producing one compound for a U.S. customer with \$10,000 in sales the first year, Diagnostic Chemicals has grown into a major manufacturer of fine research chemicals, enzymes, and analytical systems for blood analysis that employs more than 250 people. Bio Vectra Inc., as it is now known, manufactures and markets more than 400 products with annual sales between \$35 and \$40 million. Dr. Duffy's company has been listed as one of Canada's Top 100 employers for 16 consecutive years. This recognition highlights his lifelong commitment to the well-being of his employees, as well as the health of the PEI economy.

Dr. Duffy has supported UPEI in many ways. In addition to philanthropic support, he chaired the UPEI Board of Governors for 10 years, retiring from that position in 2006. He was conferred the title Chair Emeritus in 2007.

### CRITERIA

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Granted to a graduating student who has demonstrated to an outstanding degree the qualities of scholarship and leadership within the university community, and who is not receiving a Governor General's Medal. Recipient selected based on recommendation to awards committee.

### APPLICATION PROCESS (Deadline: April 1)

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Please submit all recommendation material by the posted deadline to the scholarship office

**Application materials may be submitted via mail, email, or fax:**

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### STUDENT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s) of University Community Making Student Recommendation:

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Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include the following in your recommendation package:**

Student Recommendation Form (Deadline – April 1)

Recommendation Letter(s) from Members of University Community

Please include in letter of recommendation(s) how you feel the student meets the criteria of the award, and provide any supporting details or documents that may be helpful for the committee to consider with your recommendation

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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