

The Lynda Tam Guiding Light and Legacy Award

This annual award has been established in honour of Lynda Tam, a long-serving leader at York University. Lynda served as the first Assistant Dean, Students in the School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design where she had a profound impact on the student experience through shaping student services, advising, and peer mentoring programs. Lynda's commitment to her students and their success was part of her everyday practice. Through her creative and imaginative approach, she developed programs and initiatives that helped students excel and reach their academic, personal, and professional goals. Lynda exemplified student service excellence across York University.

Lynda was a coach and a guiding light to students, staff, and faculty. As a founding Co-Chair of the Peer Leader Community of Practice and as a campus leader in advising, Lynda's impact on students and student services staff was far reaching and continues today.

The Lynda Tam Guiding Light and Legacy Award is presented annually to an advising, peer leadership or student services professional who embodies Lynda Tam's creativity, imagination, and ability to positively guide others and programs to deliver student service excellence.

The award recipient is chosen by a committee including members from the Advising and Leadership Communities of Practice and includes a piece of art commissioned each year by the committee and created by a current AMPD student.

Criteria

Does your nominee:

- Demonstrate creativity and imagination in their practice
- Serve as a guide and coach to students, colleagues, and/or programs
- Deliver student service excellence daily

Eligibility

Is your nominee:

- A full-time employee at York serving as an advising, peer leadership or student services professional.

The nomination package must include:

- A nomination letter.
- At least 2 letters of support with a maximum of 3.
- Maximum two pages per letter.

- We encourage nominations recognizing contributions made from within or outside home departments.

Please submit your nomination packages using this [online form](#) by April 1st, 2024.

Questions?

Please email fa-lyndatamaward@yuoffice.yorku.ca.