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Laurier Career Centre awarded for diversity programming

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University’s Career Development Centre received a national “Excellence in Innovation” award for its diversity programming from the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers (CACEE).

The diversity category in CACEE’s Excellence in Innovation award program recognizes exceptional initiatives targeted to engage, develop or retain diverse populations. Entries are judged on the program’s need, objectives, innovation, success and ease of replication.

“The Career Centre’s diversity programming has been developed to encompass an inclusive approach to serving distinct student groups across Laurier’s multiple campuses,” said Jan Basso, director of Co-op Education and Career Development. “This effort to provide comprehensive career development programming aligns well with Laurier’s reputation for addressing individual student needs. We are very pleased that our colleagues nationally have recognized Laurier and the work we do.”

The inclusive, innovative programming encompasses career-related research, programming, technology, staff development and accessibility to better service students, alumni and employers. In the delivery of career consulting, the Career Centre ensures that staff has the necessary career consulting skills, combined with specific area knowledge about each respective group. It has also created a variety of career resources that reflect the interests of each of the distinct groups, such as a resource binder for LGBTQ students, and career and employment resource handouts for other distinct groups such as Aboriginal students, international students and students with disabilities.

CACEE is a national non-profit partnership of employer recruiters and career services professionals. Its mission is to provide authoritative information, advice, professional development opportunities and other services to employers, career services professionals and students. Laurier was presented with the award at CACEE’s national conference in June.

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