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Laurier professor selected to join Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

WATERLOO – Laurier Psychology Professor **Anne Wilson** has been named one of the inaugural members of the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

Wilson, who currently holds a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Social Psychology, will join researchers and academics from across Canada to make up the first cohort of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. The college is the first multidisciplinary body to recognize the next generation of Canadian intellectuals on a national scale.

"The calibre of the people who will be in this college is truly impressive, so it's certainly humbling to be among the inaugural members," said Wilson. "It's an honour to be recognized and to know that I have this support within my university and externally. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to meet and learn from some of Canada's top young academics from a number of different fields."

Wilson has done research in a variety of areas within the social psychology field. Her work is primarily focused on self and identity over time, studying the way people remember and revise the past and how they predict and plan for the future. Recently, she has paid particular attention to studying how people interpret the timing and risk of possible future events, which has implications for people's present behaviours in domains as diverse as health, exercise, academic procrastination and environmental sustainability.

"Laurier is extremely proud of Dr. Wilson's induction into the Royal Society's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists," said **Abby Goodrum**, vice-president: Research at Laurier. "Dr. Wilson's research provides us with a nuanced understanding of the psychology of time and our experience of ourselves through memory. Her work has influenced researchers internationally across a wide range of topics including psychology, cognition, neuroscience, personality and aging."

The college will function alongside the Royal Society of Canada's three existing academies: the Academy of Arts and Humanities, the Academy of Social Sciences and the Academy of Science. The members of the college represent a wide variety of disciplines and are all at early points in their careers. Members will serve as the voice of the new generation of Canadian academics, mentoring young scholars, artists and scientists and meeting annually to discuss current issues in research and education, among other responsibilities.

The college's inaugural cohort will be officially inducted at a ceremony during the Royal Society of Canada's annual general meeting in Quebec City, Nov. 21.

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