

ACPC Annual Award for Creative Professional Activity

The Annual Award for Creative Professional Activity highlights the importance of creative professional activity in Canadian Departments of Psychiatry by rewarding exceptional contributions.

Criteria

This award is intended for any faculty member whose primary appointment is in a university department of psychiatry in Canada, and whose professional work has been widely recognized over a period of at least three years. Nominees should have made a significant contribution in one or more of the following categories:

Discovery, Innovation and Creativity

The candidate developed an original creation, including an invention, a new technique, a piece of visual art, an educational program, a musical work, literature or poetry, film, dance, theatre, architecture, or other original work pertinent to mental health.

Contributions to the Development of Professional Practices in Mental Health

The candidate demonstrated leadership above and beyond holding office or membership in the profession, professional organizations, government or regulatory agencies, that has influenced standards and/or enhanced the effectiveness of the discipline. Examples are: Guideline development; health policy development; government policy; community development; international health and development; consensus conference statements; regulatory committees; setting of standards.

Exemplary Professional Psychiatric Practice

The candidate's practice is recognized as exemplary by peers and has been emulated or otherwise had an impact on practice.

Creative Professional Activity in education can include:

- Instructional innovation/creative excellence: teaching techniques, educational innovations, curriculum development, course planning, evaluation development.
- Leadership in the development of professional practice in health professional education.

Nomination Procedure

Each Department of Psychiatry may nominate a maximum of one candidate per award. A Department cannot nominate a candidate if a member from their Department won during the previous year's competition. Only academic departments in good standing with ACPC may make submissions. Resubmissions will be considered when supported by the required documentation.

Submitted nominations should include:

- A two-page letter of nomination emphasizing how the nominee meets the award criteria;
- Up to 3 published papers or documents
- Academic CV;
- 300 word bio-sketch emphasizing career accomplishments related to the award;
- One electronic picture.

Send nominations to:

Chair, Association of Chairs of Psychiatry in Canada

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Adjudication

A small panel of ACPC/ADDPC members will review the submissions received from each academic centre and will decide the winner of the current year. The award, along with a cheque for \$1000, will be presented to the recipient during the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychiatric Association.

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