



Terms of Reference

Early Career Psychiatrist Research Award

Approved [insert date approved] by the Board of Directors

To be Reviewed Five years from date of approval above

Purpose

This award is presented annually to an outstanding early career psychiatrist who has excelled in the area of research.

Award Criteria

Nominees must demonstrate leadership in and dedication to research through high-quality research contributions in psychiatry with potential for clinical impact. Rankings will be based on the originality, volume and quality (e.g., methodology, impact factor of the journal, importance of the result) of research contributions.

Nominees must also demonstrate involvement with CPA through having either:

- Presented at a CPA annual conference, or
- Submitted an abstract to the current year's conference, or
- Participated in CPA's Junior Investigator Research Colloquium, or
- Been published in the *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*.

Eligibility

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the CPA, and be in the first five years of practice after completion of training, as recognized by the CPA.

Nomination Process

Nominations must be received electronically by the annual deadline and include:

- A letter from the applicant describing their research accomplishments (500 words maximum).
- Two nomination letters (500 words maximum), one from each of two nominators. One of the nominators must be a CPA member in good standing.
- An up-to-date copy of the nominee's CV (10-page maximum).

Review and Adjudication

The Research Committee and the Membership Affairs Committee (MAC) shall choose the recipient by consensus from among the nominations. Adjudication shall take place *in camera*, and the MAC will then notify the Board of Directors of the decision. The MAC has the option to not confer the award in a given year.

The CPA will notify the recipient in advance of the annual conference in order that he or she may attend.

Recognition

The recipient will receive a suitably inscribed plaque in recognition of the accomplishment to be presented during the annual conference. The CPA will maintain an official record of recipients online and at head office.

Deadline

February 1

Inquiries

All inquiries should be directed to awards@cpa-apc.org. Paper submissions will not be accepted.