

Canadian Psychiatric Association

Terms of Reference

Paul Patterson Innovation in Education Leadership Award

Paul Patterson was a child and adolescent subspecialist with a strong interest in the education of the general psychiatrist. He was a mentor who practised community-based care and was an early advocate of reciprocal education and practice at the family medicine-psychiatry interface. Dr. Patterson led and contributed to a broad range of CPA educational initiatives with wisdom, creativity and a warm, gentle sense of humour.

Purpose

Dedicated to the memory of Dr. Paul Patterson, this award is presented annually to a psychiatric educator who, in responding to change or leading in new directions, makes a significant, *innovative* contribution to undergraduate, postgraduate, continuing professional or public education.

Award Criteria

The award is meant to recognize an *innovative* contribution that arises in response to specific educational issues, or creative leadership in new educational directions such as:

- System changes.
- Curriculum developments.
- Evaluation procedures.
- Public education approaches (national, provincial or regional).

The Paul Patterson award is not to conflict with either of the following awards:

- The Association of Chairs of Psychiatry of Canada's (ACPC) Award for Excellence in Education given annually to an individual who has made a significant and sustained contribution to psychiatric education.
- The joint CPA – Council of Psychiatric Continuing Education (COPCE) awards given annually to an individual or group to recognize the most outstanding continuing education activity in psychiatry in Canada.

Eligibility

Nominees must be members in good standing of the CPA.

Nomination Process

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

- A statement by the nominator (500 words maximum) concerning the innovative merit and the educational impact of the nominee's contribution.
- Supporting documentation illustrating or describing the nominee's contribution. It is strongly encouraged that supporting documentation include an educational dossier if available. Supporting documentation is not to exceed 10 written pages. Video or audio support must be no longer than 10 minutes in total duration.

Review and Adjudication

The Education Committee shall choose the recipient by consensus from among the nominations, and notify the Board of Directors of its decision. Adjudication shall take place in camera, and the committee 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, questions and submissions should be directed to awards@cpa-apc.org. Paper submissions will not be accepted.