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CADR/ACFD NATIONAL DENTAL RESEARCH AWARD

The CADR/ACFD National Dental Research Award recognizes a faculty member who has performed outstanding oral health research in Canada. By recognizing excellence, the award aims to strengthen the quality of oral health research and inspire future leaders in research. A maximum of one award is presented annually, and it includes a cheque of $2,500 to the recipient.

Eligibility

The nominee must have made substantial contribution to research. The nominee must hold a current and primary faculty position with at least 6 years of experience in a Canadian university-based oral health science program. The nominee must be a member of CADR in the year nominated. Only one nominee may be nominated from each dental institution. Previous recipients of the award cannot be nominated for the following 5 years. Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Nomination Process

Nominations will be accepted from students, alumni or colleagues.

Please submit the nomination package as a single *pdf* document of no more than 50 pages.

Completed nomination material must include:

- a covering letter from the nominator outlining the justification for the nomination;
- a letter from the Dean, or equivalent, that addresses the nominee's special qualifications for the award;
- a curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- a statement of the nominee's research contributions;
- independent evidence that the nominee's research is very highly regarded by students, alumni and/or colleagues, and that the nominee has played a leadership role in the development of university, national or international scholarship;
- a listing of submitted documentation.

The deadline for nominations is 11.59pm PT, February 1st, 2027. Email the nomination package to admin@acfd.ca

Re-nomination of candidates who were not chosen for the award in the preceding year or years are encouraged. There is no limit to the number of times nominations may be re-submitted for this award.

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Selection Process
The Selection Committee is comprised of a Chair (nominated by the ACFD and CADR Boards), two representatives of the ACFD Research Committee, and two representatives selected by CADR Executive Committee. Members of the Selection Committee will not evaluate a nominee from their own faculty. Selection will be based on evidence submitted in the nomination material. It is the responsibility of the selection committee to determine that the nominees meet a standard worthy of this national award. The Committee can determine that no award be made in a given year.

The Selection Committee will score each candidate in 4 areas of research:

1. Creativity and Productivity
2. Recognition
3. Leadership and Potential for Civic Contribution/Engagement
4. Commitment to advancement of health sciences and public health outcomes

The Selection Committee will use the following assessment rubric.

Assessment Rubric

Criteria (out of 5)	< 4.0 Excellent by national comparison within the discipline itself	4.0 to 4.4 Outstanding by national comparison within and beyond the discipline itself	> 4.4 Exception by international comparison and beyond the discipline itself
Creativity and Productivity (as compared to national and international peers in the specific candidate's field/discipline)	• Top 10% in terms of productivity/volume of grants/publications • Top 10% of quality journals/scholarly venues in the discipline • Top 10% in terms of impact within discipline/field • And/or • Meaningful impact within discipline/field • Some impact on society or community through alternative methods of influence beyond publications/grants research	• Top 5% in terms of productivity/volume of grants/publications • Top 5% of quality of journals/scholarly venues in the discipline • Top 5% in terms of impact within discipline/field • And/or • Some meaningful public impact beyond discipline/field • Meaningful impact on society or community through alternative methods of influence beyond publications/grants/research	• Top 2% in terms of productivity/volume of grants/publications • Top 2% of quality of journals/scholarly venues in the discipline • Top 2% in terms of impact within discipline/field • And/or • Significant public impact beyond discipline/field • Significant impact on society or community through alternative methods of influence beyond publications/grants/research
Recognition	• Local/disciplinary recognition by peers • Local/disciplinary recognition by media, public, policy makers • Local/disciplinary uptake of innovations/scholarship • Well-respected and disciplinary-focused status of awards and nominators	• Provincial/National recognition by academic/scientific/scholarly peers • Provincial/National recognition by media, public, policy makers • Provincial/National uptake of innovations/scholarship • Prestigious credibility and status of awards and nominators	• National/International recognition by academic/scientific/scholarly peers (if relevant to discipline) • National and International recognition by media, public, policy makers • National/International uptake of innovations/scholarship (if relevant to discipline) • Exceptionally wide public status/credibility of awards, nominators
Leadership and Potential for Civic Contribution/Engagement	• Leadership in provincial/institutional scientific/academic groups • Appointments to provincial groups • Influence on institutional, disciplinary, provincial groups	• Leadership in impactful national/international scientific/academic societies • Appointment/elections into national/international scientific/academic societies • Evidence of translation of scientific/academic innovation into practice	• Leadership in impactful public-focused groups • Appointments/elections into national/international/ public-focused groups • Leadership in national/ international scientific/academic societies with strong public outlook
Demonstrated commitment to advancement of health sciences and public health outcomes	• Evidence of graduate student mentorship • Interprofessional, interdisciplinary and multisectoral leadership and/or participation to support advancement and improvement within the discipline	• Graduate student mentorship that demonstrates consistent guidance, constructive feedback and activities that have begun to positively impact mentoring relationship. • Interprofessional, interdisciplinary, and multi-sectoral participation/contributions to support advancement and improvement within and beyond the discipline	• Graduate student mentorship that demonstrates continuous developmental guidance, constructive feedback encouraging intellectual independence and activities that have had positive, demonstrable impact on the mentorship relationship. • Interprofessional, interdisciplinary, and multi-sectoral leadership to support advancement and improvement within and beyond the discipline • Leading interprofessional, multi-sectoral collaborations for global health improvement