

CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTIST AWARD

Terms of Reference

The Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award was established by Geoscientists Canada in 2005 to recognize outstanding contributions to the development and/or practice of professional geoscience by an individual who advances public recognition of the practice of professional geoscience in Canada.

Nominations are sought annually in the late fall, for selection in winter and presentation in the spring. The award is presented at the home regulator of the award recipient, by the President of Geoscientists Canada or a designate.

The award consists of a labradorite marble sculpture created by a Canadian geoscientist artist.



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The award does not have to be conferred on an annual basis.

General Information

Eligibility

- The candidate will have demonstrated a solid professional career with outstanding service to the community, along with dedication and commitment through countless hours of volunteer work on behalf of one of Geoscientists Canada's Members or Geoscientists Canada.
- The candidate must be registered as a professional geoscientist with a Geoscientists Canada Member at the time the nomination is proposed.
- The Award is normally given to a person in mid-to-late career, who has been practicing for sufficient time so that the candidate has developed an esteemed reputation and has had the opportunity to make an outstanding contribution to the professional and technical community.
- Candidates who have retired and are therefore no longer practicing are also eligible.
- Current members of Geoscientists Canada's Board of Directors or the Canadian Geoscience Standards Council are excluded from being nominated for or receiving the Award.



Nominations

The Nomination has two parts:

1. **Nomination Form:** Filled in by a Geoscientists Canada Member or advocacy body¹ and signed by geoscience professionals registered in good standing with the Member. Nominations are officially submitted by an Officer of the Member or advocacy body¹. Only one nomination is permitted per jurisdiction per year. The receipt of a new nominee from a jurisdiction means that the previous nominee from that jurisdiction is no longer eligible.

Nominations may be submitted by Geoscientists Canada or in any given jurisdiction by a Geoscientists Canada Member or advocacy body¹. The nominating body must verify that the nominee is registered with the Member and that their registration is in good standing.

2. **Letter of Support:** Provide a summary in plain language of why the candidate is being nominated, addressing the following points in language which crosses geoscience boundaries, and communicates why the candidate's contribution is significant:
 - a. Summary of involvement with the Member;
 - b. Academic background (post-secondary only);
 - c. Career profile with a summary of areas of achievement or distinction;
 - d. Brief, preferably verifiable, career path summary in chronological order. This should highlight unique or otherwise significant accomplishments, current areas of work/interest, important publications, etc.;
 - e. Involvement in other technical/professional societies. All acronyms should be spelled out;
 - f. Community involvement: if applicable. Organization names should be accurate;
 - g. Any additional information desired;
 - h. Closure: summing up why nominee deserves the award.

Unsuccessful nominations in their first year of nomination will be allowed to stand automatically as nominees in the following two consecutive years. After 3 years, to be considered again, the same candidate must be re-nominated, in which case the re-nomination will apply for a further three-year period. There is no limit to the number of times a candidate can be nominated.

Please send the nomination documents to:
Geoscientists Canada
E-mail: rkumar@geoscientistscanada.ca

¹ Advocacy Body recognized by Geoscientists Canada for nomination purposes. For Example: British Columbia Society of Engineers and Geoscientists (BCSEG)