



AFMC – Gold Humanism Award and Lecture

Overview

The AFMC - Gold Humanism Award and Lecture was created in 2018 to emphasize, reinforce and enhance the importance of humanistic qualities among medical school students and faculty. The nominations are open to physicians, nurses and other members of the health care team who practice in Canada or practitioners and researchers in health professions education.

Selection Criteria

Nominations must include:

- Evidence of the ideals of humanism and patient-centered care within the health care community in Canada;
- Evidence of the qualities of a caring and compassionate teacher, mentor and health care provider and the desirable personal qualities necessary to the practice of patient-centered medicine by teaching ethics, empathy, and service by example;
- Evidence of being a role model of a caring, compassionate, and collaborative health professional, who supports a humanistic learning environment, and is a positive reinforcement to prospective health professionals of the desirability of such qualities in the health care provider-patient relationship.

The award and a \$1,000 honorarium will be presented at the annual AFMC Presidential Address and Award Ceremony at the CCME. The award recipient will receive up to CAD \$ 1,500 to cover travel expenses to attend the conference. Honoraria or monetary awards are only provided in the name of the award recipient.

The award recipient will offer a lecture or lead a thought-leader session on a topic related to humanism and medicine at a time synchronous with the CCME. As well, the recipient will provide his/her lecture in essay format, which will be presented in the AFMC and APGFC communications and websites.

Nominating Procedure

Nominations may be made by any faculty member or member of the health care team. Nominators must submit a maximum 1,000-word letter attesting to the characteristics in the selection criteria. Nominations must be accompanied by an abbreviated CV, two supporting letters; one of which is from outside the nominee's Faculty of Medicine and which details the impact on the nominee's work on the public, as well as other relevant documentation as required to meet the criteria above. Please do not submit an extensive CV or additional documents unless required by the nomination criteria for the individual award. Any supporting documents should be limited to summaries of relevant work and included in the nomination package.

Please ensure that the nomination package is collated into **one PDF** file with documents in the order as specified and that **all pages in package are sequentially numbered**.

Submit the package [here](#).

Packages that are incomplete, do not meet the criteria or lack the required documentation **will not be considered**.

The deadline for all nominations to be submitted is **October 15, 2021**. Submissions after this deadline will not be accepted.

General

The annual AFMC award cycle begins with the call for nominations which is issued in September each year.

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Announcements of award recipients are made first in confidence to the recipient and the Dean of their medical school, and then publicly at a later date. All awards are presented at the annual AFMC Presidential Address and Award Ceremony at the annual Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME); [click here](#) for CCME dates and location.

All award recipients receive **one complimentary registration to the CCME**. Award recipients will have reserved seating at the Award Ceremony and official photographs will be taken for publication. Award recipients who are unable to attend the ceremony will receive their award via courier. Proxy award acceptances are allowed only on an exceptional basis.

Award recipients are generally invited to bring **two guests** to the Award Ceremony. They are asked to provide the names of the guests in advance. If attending the CCME, the guests are required to register for the conference. If guests are attending the Awards Ceremony only, their names will be required in advance to facilitate access to the convention site.