AFMC – Charles Boelen International Social Accountability Award

This award celebrates accomplishments reflecting the principles of social accountability as defined in the Global Consensus for Social Accountability of Medical Schools (www.healthsocialaccountability.org).

Selection Criteria

A team, department, institution, organization or association in academic health who meets the following 5 criteria:

- A focused response to the priority health needs of citizens and society in education research and/or service delivery missions, consistent with values of quality, equity, relevance and effectiveness.
- An action respecting the social determinants of health.
- A strong partnership with the main health stakeholders for efficient synergy in health development.
- The use of proper evaluation indices and mechanisms to assess the impact of the academic institution on health system performance and population health status.
- A contribution to national and relevant subnational policies in support to academic institutions engaged in actions for greater societal impact.

Nomination Procedure

- Reference letter (2,500 words max.) explaining how the nominee* meets each of the 5 selection criteria. Nominations must include name, affiliation and key contact information; overview of organization; description of compliance with criteria and motivation statement.
- Two (2) additional letters of reference from individuals or organizations in support of the nominee*.
- The full nomination package (three letters) must be submitted by October 13, 2020 to awards@afmc.ca.

* The nominee must be a team, department, institution, organization or association (not an individual).

Preference will be given to work tackling education, research and health service delivery in an integrated fashion as well as transferability at national, regional or global levels. Nominations from all countries and regions will be considered.

Previous recipients include:
- International Federation of Medical Student’s Association (2017)
- The Ateneo de Zamboanga University School of Medicine (ADZU-SOM) (2018)
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine (2019)
- The Network (TUFH) Social Accountability Taskforce (2020)

The 2021 Award will be presented at the upcoming CCME. The award includes: CAN$ 1,000, a crystal globe symbolizing social accountability, complimentary registration and up to CAN$2,000 to attend CCME.