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## ***AFMC May Cohen Gender Equity and Diversity Award***

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The May Cohen Gender Equity and Diversity Award is awarded annually to recognize outstanding effort or achievement of an individual(s), program(s), department(s) or school in improving the gender, equity and diversity environment in academic medicine in Canada. Initially the award focussed on gender, but in recent years it has been expanded to include contributions to equity and this year to diversity as well. This national award was instituted in 2003 and the recipients so far have been:

- 2003: Dr. Dorothy Shaw, University of British Columbia
- 2004: Dr. Sheila Dunn, University of Toronto
- 2005: Dr. Barbara Lent, University of Western Ontario
- 2006: Dr. Susan Phillips, Queen's University and Dr. Blye Frank, Dalhousie University
- 2007: Dr. Nahid Azad, University of Ottawa
- 2008: Dr. Cara Tannenbaum, Université de Montréal
- 2009: Dr. Sarita Verma, University of Toronto and Dr. Wilfreda Thurston, University of Calgary
- 2010: No recipient
- 2011: Dr. Catherine Cook, University of Manitoba

The dean of each Canadian Faculty/School of Medicine may make up to two nominations for the AFMC May Cohen Gender Equity and Diversity Award from within the Faculty/School of Medicine. The nominations can include faculty development initiatives, educational programs, etc. The effort/achievement must have been initiated within the past five years, and/or the impact of the effort/achievement must be ongoing within the past five years. Nominators must submit a maximum 1000 word overview of the activity and outcomes, and demonstrate how the effort improved the gender equity and diversity environment in academic medicine. If necessary, up to three supporting documents may be included with the nomination.

Dr. May Cohen will chair the Selection Committee. The award will be presented at the 2012 Canadian Conference on Medical Education (Banff) April 14 – 18, 2012. The award consists of a plaque; complimentary registration for the annual Medical Education Conference and reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs up to a maximum of \$2,000. Details will be provided to the winner.

One copy of each nomination and supporting documents are to be submitted electronically to [cmecier@afmc.ca](mailto:cmecier@afmc.ca) by **November 21, 2011**.