

AFMC – Charles Boelen International Social Accountability Award

Overview

The AFMC – Charles Boelen International Social Accountability Award was created in 2014. This AFMC award – named after Dr. Charles Boelen, a world leader in Social Accountability – aims to celebrate individuals, groups of people or organizations whose professional accomplishments reflect the principles of social accountability as defined in the [Global Consensus for Social Accountability of Medical Schools](#).

Selection Criteria

An individual, team, department, institution, organization or association in the academic world of health who/which meets the following five 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 which takes into account the comprehensive needs of persons and the social determinants of population 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.

It is understood that while the Award may honour work related to one of the three domains of education, research or health service delivery, preference will be given to work tackling education, research and health service delivery in an integrated fashion. Priority will also be given to the transferability of the experience to other academic institutions at national, regional or global levels. *Nominations from all countries and regions will be considered.*

The terms of this award also provide a CAN \$1,000 honorarium and up to CAN \$2,000 allowance to attend the CCME conference. Honoraria or monetary awards are only provided in the name of the award recipient.

Nominating 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 15, 2021** to awards@afmc.ca. 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.

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

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.