AFMC President’s Award for Exemplary National Leadership in Academic Medicine

Overview
This award recognizes individuals for their excellence and exemplary national leadership in advancing the AFMC’s vision in either research or education/academic medicine. Nominees should be faculty members of a Canadian Faculty of Medicine with highly distinguished accomplishments and who have had an extraordinary impact on the national level. Nominees should have achieved pre-eminence in medical education, biomedical or health services research. Individuals in the past or present who have served as Deans, Vice Deans, are or were members of the Board of the AFMC, are or were paid employees or consultants of the AFMC are not eligible for this award.

Selection Criteria
The nomination must provide:

- Evidence of exemplary national leadership with two or more achievements that the nominee has accomplished at the national level;
- Demonstrated impact in medical education, bio-medical or health services research where the nominee has influenced change;
- Indirect evidence of the nominee’s work through leadership on national committees and other voluntary work;
- Evidence of a commitment to advocacy for excellence in medical education;
- A strong record of scholarship in medical education especially with a focus on curricular change, faculty development, learner and faculty wellness and support, leadership and innovation;
- Evidence that the nominee is highly regarded by peers through recognition such as awards and/or invited presentations, lectures, workshops, posters and abstracts;
- Evidence of impact through statements by colleagues, students or administrators of the effectiveness of the nominee in making change or leading innovation;
- An indication of the range and diversity of leadership activities of the nominee at other levels such as local, provincial, or international leadership;
- Where the work was accomplished by committee, the Chair or other members of that committee may describe the degree to which the nominee was responsible for the committee’s achievements;
- Specific statements of those outside the nominee’s Faculty to the benefits of the work of the nominee beyond their home school with impact in more than one Canadian Faculty of Medicine.

The award and an associated $1,500 honorarium will be presented at the annual AFMC Presidential Address and Award Ceremony at the CCME. Honoraria or monetary awards are only provided in the name of the award recipient.

Nominating Procedure
The nomination must be made by a letter of nomination by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the nominee’s school. Each Faculty may nominate two nominees.
Nominations must be accompanied by an abbreviated CV (no longer than 4 pages), two letters supporting the nomination, at least one of which details the impact of the nominee’s work, 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.
The deadline for all nominations to be submitted is October 15, 2021. Submissions after this deadline will not be accepted.
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.