



Call for Nominations 2025 Acadia Alumni Distinguished Alumni Award

The *Acadia Alumni Distinguished Alumni Award* recognizes the outstanding achievements of an Acadia University alum whose endeavours have distinguished them professionally or in the community and brought honour to the University. This award is intended to honour senior alumni with **greater than 10 years post-graduation** from Acadia.

Consideration in the selection process is given to the following criteria:

- **Breadth of Involvement** - The range, diversity and magnitude of the nominee's involvement in, contributions toward, and efforts in support of professional research, civic duty, business, athletics, the arts, the community or other areas worthy of recognition.
- **Depth of Involvement** - The value and impact of the nominee's involvement in, contributions toward, and efforts in support of business, athletics, professional research, civic duty, the arts, the community or other areas worthy of recognition.
- **Duration of Involvement** - The years of sustained contributions.

The Acadia Alumni Association derives strength from the diversity of the alumni community. As a result, the Association is committed to creating a culture of inclusion and equity in the work they do and encourages award nominations for individuals of all races, colours, religions, genders, gender identities or expressions, sexual orientations, national origins, disabilities, socioeconomic statuses, and ages.

Nominations must be submitted by **October 31, 2024** for consideration for the 2025 award (link provided below).

Guidelines for Nominations

If you know a worthy candidate you would like to nominate for this award, please gather the components listed below.

1. A brief summary or letter describing the nominee's extraordinary achievements and/or service and your reasons for nominating the candidate.
2. A copy of the nominee's CV. In lieu of a CV, a formal outline of achievements, awards, education and career accomplishments will be accepted.
3. A minimum of one additional reference letter supporting this nomination (maximum five letters of reference).
4. Any additional supporting documentation you would like included for consideration by the selection committee (e.g. copies of relevant articles that illustrate the nominee's achievements and service).

Past successful nomination packages have included:

- A broad range of explicit examples that speak directly to the award criteria
- A strong primary nomination in addition to strong letters of reference (maximum 5 additional letters)
- Letters of reference that are detailed and provide additional examples of the nominee's impact and achievements
- Examples that demonstrate how the nominee has gone above and beyond in their contributions to their role and/or community

Additional Notes:

- 1) The candidate must be more than **10 years beyond graduation or attendance at Acadia**.
- 2) Current members of faculty, staff, the Acadia Alumni Board of Directors, and the Acadia Board of Governors are not eligible to receive this award.
- 3) Individuals who are currently elected members of federal, provincial or municipal government are not eligible to stand as an award nominee.
- 4) To maintain the integrity of the awards program and to respect the privacy of those consulted, the selection committee keeps nominations confidential, and we ask that nominators do the same. Nominators and those providing letters of support are encouraged to share their submissions with the nominee if they wish to do so.
- 5) If your nominee is not selected as this year's honouree, you may resubmit your application next year and are encouraged to add new, supporting information.

Submit your nomination [HERE](#) by October 31, 2024

If you have questions or concerns, please email melanie.jackson@acadiu.ca.