



Call for Nominations 2026 Acadia Alumni Outstanding GOLD Alumni Award

The *Acadia Alumni GOLD 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 **Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD)**.

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

- **Level of Engagement:** The nominee demonstrates meaningful involvement in their community and/or profession which sets them apart and brings honour to the University.
- **Impact of Engagement:** Through their contributions, the nominee creates a positive and lasting impact on their community and/or profession.
- **Lived Experience:** Life experiences or obstacles differentiate the nominee's pursuit to make an impact.

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 **July 31, 2025** for consideration for the 2026 award.

Guidelines for Nominations

If you know a worthy candidate you would like to nominate for this award, please prepare a submission. **To be considered complete, your nomination package must have the following components:**

1. A completed copy of this nomination form (Page 3).
2. A summary or letter describing the nominee's extraordinary achievements and/or service and your reasons for nominating the candidate.
3. A copy of the nominee's CV. A formal outline of achievements, awards, education, and career accomplishments will be accepted in place of a CV.
4. A minimum of one additional reference letter supporting this nomination (maximum five letters of reference).
5. 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

Notes:

- 1) *The nominee must have graduated from Acadia **within the last 10 years.***
- 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) *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.*

Nomination Deadline: July 31, 2025

Please send completed nomination packages to Melanie Jackson at melanie.jackson@acadiau.ca

2026 Acadia Alumni Outstanding GOLD Alumni Award – Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Full Name: _____

Current Position/Occupation: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Acadia Degree(s)/Class Year(s): _____

Other Degrees/Year(s) if known: _____

Nominator Information:

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____