CASC Awards: The CASCADES
Awards for Outstanding Individual Achievement
2017 Call for Nominations

The three CASC Awards for Outstanding Individual Achievement recognize exemplary accomplishment in the science engagement field. Nominations are invited on an annual basis, and they will be awarded as warranted by the merit of the individual. These awards are juried separately by the CASC Board of Directors.

Outstanding Project or Program Leadership

Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership during a period of great change in their organization. Such a period may include outwardly visible projects such as a major capital or exhibition project or fundraising campaign, or they may include infrastructure projects such as the development of a new technology backbone or internal quality service delivery. Nominations will be judged by the degree to which the nominee:

1. Has demonstrated outstanding leadership to inspire staff and nurture their talents and skills.
2. Has demonstrated outstanding leadership in developing relationships for the institution and its community.
3. Has demonstrated outstanding leadership in achieving the stated goals and measures of the project.

“Making a difference”

Awarded to an individual engaged directly in program or exhibit delivery, who has made a significant difference to their colleagues and their public visitors. The nominee can be an employee or a volunteer of a CASC member organization. Nominations will be judged by the degree to which the nominee is:

1. Demonstrably inspiring the current staff and visitors at their institution.
2. Applying new ideas and/or enhancing best practices;
3. Demonstrating the potential to inspire and nurture creative thinking.
4. Building relationships for his or her institution within the community;

Outstanding Career Achievement

Awarded to an individual that has made major long-term contributions to the Canadian science centre/museum community. The nominated individual must have worked within the Canadian Science Centre/planetarium/museum community for ten (10) years or more. Nominations will be judged by the degree to which the nominee:

1. Has made a demonstrable contribution to the leadership of one or more science centre.
2. Has made a demonstrable contribution to the informal learning community.
3. Has engaged in local community involvement in addition to their regular work.
Eligibility

- For Outstanding Project or Program Leadership and Outstanding Career Achievement, CASC members may submit a nomination for one of its employees, or for an individual from another CASC Member institution.

- For Making a Difference, CASC members may nominate an employee or a volunteer.

- Each nominating institution is limited to one application per category per year.

Selection

- Nominations for the Outstanding Individual Achievement Awards will be reviewed and adjudicated by the CASC Board of Directors.

- All decisions of the Board are final, including the decision not to choose an award recipient in a given category.

- Therefore, please ensure that the nominee is not aware of the nomination.

Recognition

The Awards for Outstanding Individual Achievement will be presented at the Annual Awards Gala, held in conjunction with the CASC Annual Conference. Each award will consist of a physical piece. Award recipients will become Honourary lifetime individual members of the CASC. Awardees will receive recognition in the CASC newsletter, on the CASC website, and in a widely distributed press release.

How to Enter

The Board encourages e-mail submissions in PDF format. As much as possible, please try to bring together materials into one electronic file. Nominations must consist of the items listed below:

- **Award Nomination Information Form:** The institution’s Chief Executive Officer, Board Chairperson, or equivalent must sign nomination forms.

- **Nomination Letter:** In a letter no longer than two (2) pages long, address the selection criteria identified for the appropriate award category.

- **Short Biographical profile:** In narrative form, in 200 words or less, profile the individual and their work or career.

- **Letters of Support:** Include two to three letters of support (one page each) from individuals with first-hand knowledge of the nominee’s work. Letters of support must address the following:
  1. Explain your relationship to the nominee and describe his/her exemplary accomplishment during the past three years that is the basis of your nomination.
  2. Describe why you think this accomplishment deserves recognition.
  3. List the most significant benefits of the nominee’s accomplishment, as you see them.
o **Supporting Items (Optional):** One or two supporting items electronically, including but not limited to presentations, articles, or photographs. Review of supporting items is at the discretion of the Board.

o **Deadline:** Nominations must be received by February 27, 2017

o **Contact and address:**

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