

**CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
DR. WILLIAM MARSDEN AWARD IN MEDICAL ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Description

1. The award shall be known as the Canadian Medical Association Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics and Professionalism.
2. The award shall be presented to recognize a CMA member who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, commitment and dedication to the cause of advancing and promoting excellence in the field of medical ethics or medical professionalism in Canada. The criteria shall be in one of the following areas:
 - demonstrated level of commitment to furthering the cause of medical ethics or medical professionalism in Canada;
 - demonstrated leadership in enhancing ethical and professional behaviour amongst Canadian physicians;
 - demonstrated excellence in research and/or teaching initiatives in medical ethics or medical professionalism.
3. The award shall take the form of a medal that may be worn at official functions.

Terms

1. The nominee must be a Canadian physician or medical trainee who is a CMA member.
2. The CMA shall be under no obligation to present the award annually.
3. Any possibility that an individual or organization could exploit winning a CMA award for personal profit or commercial advantage will be taken into consideration.
4. Any CMA member currently sitting as an elected officer, a member of the CMA Board of Directors, a member of the Committee on Awards, or as the Chair or member of the Committee on Ethics is not eligible for nomination for this award unless under exceptional circumstances.
5. This award will not be awarded posthumously. In the event of the demise of the nominee after being selected but before being presented with the award, it shall be presented posthumously.
6. Nominations may be submitted, accompanied by suitable documentation, by a CMA member, a provincial or territorial medical association, an affiliate or an associate society. Self-nomination is ineligible. Documentation will consist of a completed nomination form, a detailed letter of nomination accompanied by two letters of support (letters must be no more than 2 pages in length) and the nominee's curriculum vitae or bio (3 page maximum). Handwritten submissions will not be accepted.
7. A nomination may be re-submitted in a subsequent year. Should fewer than 3 nominations be received for this award, the award will not be presented and the nominees will be brought forward for consideration the following year.
8. The Chair of the Committee on Awards shall receive nominations by 30 November of the year prior to the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be presented. Please submit nominations through the online form submission at <https://www.cma.ca/dr-william-marsden-award-medical-ethics-and-professionalism>
9. The Committee on Awards shall make the final decision of the award recipient and provide an update to the CMA Board of Directors."
10. The recipient of this award shall be offered the opportunity of attending the Annual General Meeting to accept the award at the expense of the CMA.