

CPA PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

PHILOSOPHY

An individual that makes a noteworthy contribution to the growth of the physiotherapy profession and its practice in a practical and meaningful way is to be celebrated by the profession for the achievement. Professional contributions that make a positive impact to the profession should be supported and recognized by the Association.

HISTORY

The Professional Contribution Award was first presented in 2018.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Professional Contribution Award is to recognize individuals who have enhanced the profession and the practice of physiotherapy through a unique, impactful, and outstanding contribution.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

A candidate's peers must recognize the individual who has made a remarkable contribution and significant impact to the profession through service, advocacy, discovery, ingenuity, and/or innovation. The work of the individual is ground-breaking, or is adopted broadly in Canadian physiotherapy practice, or has influenced the global physiotherapy community. This significant and lasting contribution must be demonstrated with service to the profession and/or to the Association at a provincial, national or global level.

Activities that will be considered include, but are not limited to:

- Activities that make a significant contribution to the physiotherapy profession through various means such as research, education, publication, marketing, volunteering, committee, leadership work, within the profession or externally in other organizations or in the public milieu.
- Development of means to advance the physiotherapy profession or tools to enhance physiotherapy practice provincially, nationally or globally.
- Leadership and ground-breaking work that expands the physiotherapy scope of practice, or creates new roles for, or new dimensions of the role of, physiotherapists or physiotherapist assistants.
- Evidence-based work that strengthens the science of physiotherapy.
- Advocacy work that is instrumental to increasing the access of marginalized groups or people with particular health conditions to physiotherapy service.
- Leadership work which supports and strengthens the mission and vision of CPA, or raises the profile of the Canadian physiotherapy profession within the nation or on the global scale.



ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must be a current CPA member physiotherapist with at least ten years of CPA membership.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATE

The CPA Awards Committee will select the recipient.

PRESENTATION

The award will be presented at Congress. In a year where Congress is not occurring, an alternate opportunity to present the awards will be organized.

FORM OF AWARD

- Recognition at Congress
- A framed certificate signed by the CPA President and CPA Awards Committee Chair
- \$200 towards Congress registration

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominations must be made by either a CPA member or CPA Component (CPA Branch, CPA Division, or CPA Assembly). All nominations are confidential between the nominator(s) and the CPA Awards Committee.

The nomination must include:

1. At least two but not more than four letters of recommendation, none of which shall exceed four pages. At least two letters of recommendation will be from a physiotherapist. The letters must outline the uniqueness, importance, and magnitude of the impact of the contribution and how the candidate meets the criteria for the award.
2. One of the nominators must be identified as the primary nominator.
3. Curriculum Vitae of the candidate.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted online no later than the communicated closing date.