# Rehabilitation Sciences Institute Student Leadership Awards

**Student Leadership Awards**
*3 Awards, each awarded to one MSc level student and one PhD level student*
- *RSI Leadership Award:* recognizes student leadership and contributions to the RSI community
- *Outstanding Community Service Award:* recognizes contributions to the community at large
- *Peer Mentor Award:* recognizes a student for their strong mentorship qualities and contributions to student mentor initiatives and events.

Preference will be given to a student who has demonstrated leadership qualities through extracurricular activities, community service, and/or other personal achievements. Applications will be evaluated for academic merit, research ability/potential, and extracurricular leadership.

**Nomination Eligibility**
- Student currently enrolled at the University of Toronto with either full or part-time status
- Have not previously received an RSI Student Leadership Award during their academic career
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7 (A-) at the end of the previous academic session prior to the opening of the nomination period.
    - Exceptions to this requirement may be granted only under extraordinary circumstances
- Must have reached a minimum threshold of at least one academic year of volunteer leadership in the form of any one, or a combination, of the following:
    - Leadership on committees or influence on student or university affairs
    - Improvement in the quality of life of students
    - Contributions to the co-curricular experience
    - Encouragement of fellow students to become involved in extra-curricular activities
    - Contribution to the sense of community at U of T
- Other points to consider when nominating a candidate:
    - Leadership and involvement in relation to academic achievement
    - The value of the student's contribution, rather than the office or position held
    - Contributions made as part of a paid position are not eligible
        - Although paid work should not be considered towards a student's leadership contributions, if a student has received a stipend or honorarium rather than a regular wage they may still be considered if the

student went above and beyond what they were specifically compensated for. The amount of the stipend and whether it is an adequate reflection of the time, effort, and leadership invested by the student will also be considered.

  o Volunteer leadership outside the University community will be considered, but only as a complement to contributions within the University community including hospitals and health organizations in TAHSN (Toronto Academic Hospital Science Network)

## Nomination Procedure

Any member of the university community may nominate a candidate (including staff and faculty members, alumni, and students). Self-nominations are permitted but not recommended.

- Nominators are encouraged to submit nominations for the award most applicable and appropriate relative to the students' affiliation and contributions.
- Only one nomination for a Student leadership award may be submitted per candidate for each academic year.
- Nomination packages must be submitted online to:

**RSIstudent.awards@gmail.com**
**By April 10, 2017 at 5:00pm**
*Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered*

## Nomination Package

Each nomination package must include the following:

- Nomination form completed in full
- An unofficial transcript or academic record from ROSI/AORN indicating a minimum GPA of 3.7 (A-) at the end of the previous academic session
- Up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume which should be no longer than two pages
  o The CV or resume should be specifically tailored to the Student Leadership Award application
  o The CV or resume should enhance the reader's knowledge or and validate experiences for which the student is being nominated

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