



**Rehabilitation Sciences Institute  
Annual Alumni Awards**

The Rehabilitation Sciences Institute recognizes the outstanding contributions of its alumni in diverse fields and roles locally, nationally, and around the world to improve health, well-being, participation, and inclusion. Our alumni are leaders in research, clinical practice, professional organizations, hospital and government administration, industry, and charitable organizations. We would like to acknowledge these notable alumni. We encourage you to nominate a University of Toronto Rehabilitation Sciences Institute graduate for one of our alumni awards.

Nominations are accepted for the following annual awards:

**1. Early Career Award**

Presented to alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years, in recognition of contributions to voluntary service to RSI or the rehabilitation, healthcare or scientific community.

**2. Later Career Award**

Presented to alumni who have graduated after the past 10 years, in recognition of contributions to voluntary service to RSI or the rehabilitation, healthcare or scientific community.

**3. Outstanding Mentorship Award**

Presented to alumni who demonstrate exceptional commitment to mentorship of trainees and/or peers in rehabilitation sciences.

**4. Outstanding Service Award**

Presented to alumni who demonstrate exceptional volunteer service and leadership in rehabilitation sciences locally, nationally or internationally. Their contributions will have enhanced the lives of others through their time and expertise in the rehabilitation sciences community through civic, charitable, and social causes that are outside of their paid roles.

**Nomination Procedures**

Each nomination includes:

- Letter of nomination: Maximum 2 pages, single spaced, 12 point font, describe how the candidate's activities reflect the award criteria and explain the impact of their activities;
- Additional letter of support: This supporting letter can be from one individual (other than the nominator) who is familiar with the nominee's work;
- Nominee's complete and current CV; and
- Completed nomination form.

**Optional:** Nominators may submit up to two additional documents that illustrate the significance and impact of the nominee's contributions (e.g., publications, reviews, media coverage) .

To submit, please email: [lauren.bechard@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:lauren.bechard@mail.utoronto.ca).

The awards will be presented at the **Annual RSI Research Day**.

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**Additional Information:**

Nominators can only coordinate one nomination per year.

Nominees can only be nominated in one category per year.

Nominations will be kept for three years for future consideration.

**Award Eligibility:**

Nominees must be alumni of the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute, former Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, or the doctoral stream of Speech and Language Pathology.

**Selection Procedure:**

The adjudication of all awards is overseen by the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute Alumni Association Awards Selection Committee. Membership in this committee includes representatives from alumni and the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute.

All nominations will be reviewed. Selection is based on the nominee's accomplishments. The Awards Committee also strives for diversity among award recipients.

The Awards Committee may contact nominees to obtain additional information related to their nomination. Please include the phone and/or email contact information of the nominee. Information related to the nomination will be used only for Award adjudication purposes.