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 graduate for one of our alumni awards.

Nominations are accepted for the following annual awards:

1. **Outstanding Leadership Award**

This award recognizes the outstanding impact of RSI alumni within the RSI community, the field of rehabilitation science more broadly, or other communities of which they are a part of. RSI alumni who receive this award demonstrate innovative, inclusive leadership leading to a positive impact in their communities/fields. Up to two (2) RSI alumni may receive this award in a given year. Consideration will be made by the award selection committee for career duration.

2. **Outstanding Mentorship Award**

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

3. **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:** In a maximum 2 pages (single-spaced, 12 point font) describe how the nominee's activities reflect the award criteria and explain the impact of their activities. This letter must be endorsed by a second individual (does not need to be an RSI Alumnus/a)
*   Nominee's **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) .

Please submit nominations to the RSI Alumni Chair: lauren.bechard@mail.utoronto.ca.

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

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.