

NOMINATION CRITERIA

The Discovery Awards honours individuals and companies in Nova Scotia who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of science and technology. Whether it is a new invention, innovative study, or dedication or promotion of science and/or technology, if you think somebody made a major impact in these areas and deserves recognition we encourage you to nominate this person.

At the awards evening we welcome over 400 top representatives from industry, government, hospitals and universities from all over Nova Scotia to celebrate the achievements by these special individuals who make major contributions to science and technology in Nova Scotia.

SCIENCE CHAMPION

Awarded to a working scientist, technology professional, full-time science teacher/professor, journalist, radio or TV personality who devotes time to the promotion of science and technology to the public. The nominee serves as a role model for all Nova Scotians, particularly for youth/students, in support of the development of a science and innovation-oriented culture in the province.

INNOVATION AWARD (BUSINESS/SMALL BUSINESS)

Awarded to a Awarded for science and/or technology innovation in the commercial development of a new product or service. This award is intended to reward a team or individual who recognized the commercial potential of a concept/research and applied innovative business practices, combined with the strategic investment of time and money, to bring it to the market. Emphasis will be placed on the breakthrough from theoretical/academic work to commercial application.

PROFESSIONAL OF DISTINCTION

Awarded to a world-class science and/or technology researcher or developer (in academia, a public research institution or the private sector) who demonstrates ingenious and innovative thinking in the creation of unique ideas, concepts, perspectives, processes, etc. within his/her field. The nominee is recognized nationally and internationally for excellence in his/her work, but may not necessarily be well known locally or by members of the general public.

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL OF DISTINCTION

Awarded to a post-secondary science and/or technology student, graduate student, post-doctoral fellow, or practicing professional, 35 years of age or under, who lives and studies or works in Nova Scotia. This person demonstrates intellectual achievement, excellence, and has potential for ongoing growth and development. He/she also demonstrates ingenious and innovative thinking in the creation of unique ideas, concepts, perspectives, processes, etc within his/her field.

HALL OF FAME

Every year the Discovery Centre inducts eminent scientists to their Nova Scotia Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is looking for candidates, either deceased or active who during their life-time have made a major, internationally recognized, impact on science and/or technology.

Criteria for Hall of Fame candidates:

- Candidates born in Nova Scotia, but may have achieved their scientific or technological prominence in Nova Scotia or elsewhere, or nominees born elsewhere, but achieved prominence for their scientific or technological work while living and working in Nova Scotia.
- Candidates must possess qualities that would serve as an inspiration to young Nova Scotians to pursue careers in science and technology.
- Living candidates should be at or near the end of their professional careers.
- Deceased persons may be considered to recognize the contributions they made to science or technology during their lifetime.

Please note that while Hall of Fame consideration is not done through the nomination process described below for the other categories, we encourage submission of names of potential candidates to consider for this honour: Please contact Sherry Niven, chair of the Hall of Fame committee via email: halloffame@thediscoverycentre.ca to provide the suggested candidate for consideration's full name, initials, field of research and affiliation.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Fill out the nomination form and make a compelling argument why this person deserves to be honoured. Please note that in order to be considered and selected as a nominee finalist, the nominee must **not** have been a finalist for the past two (2) consecutive years within the same category.

If nominating several candidates, please submit a separate form for each candidate. You can fill out and submit your **nomination form** online or printed and mailed or dropped off to the Discovery Centre. Please remember the deadline date of **May 31**.

NOTE: please specify name of one individual for Emerging Professional, Science Champion, and Professional of Distinction categories; the Innovation category may specify an Organization/Company/Laboratory/Team name.

Nominations can be mailed or dropped off to:

Attn: Discovery Award Nominations
Discovery Centre
1215 Lower Water Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3S8

OR

Email: nominations@thediscoverycentre.ca