



President's Excellence Awards

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is AHS unveiling a new awards program?

The President's Excellence Awards are Dr. Eagle's personal commitment to pay tribute to the outstanding work and achievements of individual staff, physicians and teams within the Alberta Health Services team. Alberta Health Services values the exceptional contributions of our staff and physicians, and we believe that by celebrating achievements through these awards we honour the contributions of everyone on our team.

What are the award categories?

President's Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievements in Quality and Safety Improvement

This award recognizes individuals or teams who have worked to improve health care quality by demonstrating commitment and implementing or redesigning a service or process which achieves exceptional improvements to: patient safety; patient experience; patient health outcomes; and/or organizational or clinical effectiveness.

President's Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievements in Workplace Health and Safety

This award recognizes individuals or teams who have succeeded in creating a safer, healthier work environment by implementing a new, unique, forward-thinking idea that improves workplace health and safety.

President's Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievements in Research

This award recognizes a project or initiative which harnesses the collective efforts of Alberta Health Services staff and physicians together with research and academic partners. The partnership will be innovative, use collaborative problem solving or practice in the delivery of effective clinical care, and show how research translation has contributed to improved outcomes for staff and/or patients.

What will the winners receive?

All winners will receive their awards from Dr. Eagle at special celebration events across Alberta. Recipients of the President's Excellence Award will receive an award represented by a one-time discretionary budget allocation to advance further innovative work or enhance service in their program area. They will also receive a framed certificate and a photograph of the presentation, and will be profiled in various AHS publications.

Who will pick the finalists and how will they make their selections?

Representatives of AHS committees will judge the awards with Dr. Eagle and a short list of five finalists will be selected. The Quality and Safety Improvement, and Research categories will be judged by representatives of the Clinical Strategic Executive Committee. Representatives of the Alberta Clinician Council will judge the Workplace Health and Safety category. Finalists will be chosen and announced at the end of April.

The award recipients will be announced the second week of May, during which AHS marks Canada Health Day on May 12. This will allow the presentation of the awards to the recipients to coincide with local events.



Who can be nominated?

Nominees must be employed by Alberta Health Services or be a physician with AHS privileges.

The work or project for which the staff member, physician or team is nominated must have been done in their capacity within Alberta Health Services and not for another organization. The project or achievement must have taken place during the two years prior to the nomination deadline. You cannot nominate yourself. Staff members or physicians who have retired or passed away can be nominated as long as they were employed within one year prior to the date of nomination. A nominee can only be nominated in one category.

What if I miss the nomination deadline?

Unfortunately, nominations submitted after the deadline will not be considered. This is why we are encouraging people to begin the nomination process now so that all information required is ready before the Jan. 31, 2012 deadline.

How can I nominate someone?

Anyone can submit a nomination. Nomination forms and other information are available on the AHS website. Human Resources Advisors will have a hard copy of the nomination package for those who do not have computer access. Completed packages must be emailed directly to PresidentsExcellenceAwards@albertahealthservices.ca by no later than Jan. 31, 2012. If you require a paper copy of the nomination form and information, please contact: Angela Anderson, Director, Organizational Development, at 780-735-0591

Nomination submissions must include:

- A completed nomination submission form.
- A 1,000 word or less description as to why the nominee should be considered for a President's Excellence Award.
- A digital photo of the nominee.
- Five pieces of support materials which could include: letters of reference; testimonials from peers, patients or clients; news clippings or other documents that support the submission.

Do I have to have the nominee's permission to submit their name or their team for an award?

You should inform the nominee of your intention to submit their name for a President's Excellence Award before you send in the nomination form. You may also want to take a team photo or a new individual photo for the submission.

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have additional questions please email them to: PresidentsExcellenceAwards@albertahealthservices.ca. You may also contact: Angela Anderson, Director, Organizational Development, at 780-735-0591.