



## **HYPERTENSION CANADA'S JACQUES DE CHAMPLAIN NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD**

**Deadline for nominations – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Hypertension Canada is pleased to invite all members to submit nominations for the 2025 Jacques de Champlain New Investigator Award. The award recognizes excellence in the field of hypertension or blood pressure research by a new investigator, who has not exceeded a time period of 12 years from the first appointment as an independent investigator. A nominee must have made significant contributions to the advancement and extension of knowledge in basic, clinical, health services, or population-based research specifically relating to hypertension or blood pressure. The award consists of a plaque from Hypertension Canada and is given annually to one individual if a suitable candidate is nominated. If no suitable candidate is nominated, the award may be withheld in any given year. The recipient will be invited to deliver a presentation describing their achievements during the 2025 Congress.

**Eligibility:** Eligible candidates are Canadian residents. Members of the Hypertension Canada Awards Committee and Board are not eligible.

**Selection Criteria and Process:** Eligible individuals must be nominated. Self-nominations will only be accepted under unique circumstances and must be justified within the nomination documents. Nominations are valid only for the year in which the nomination is submitted. An individual may only receive the New Investigator award once and past recipients of the award from the Canadian Hypertension Society are not eligible.

A letter of nomination and supporting documents must be submitted electronically to Hypertension Canada at [info@hypertension.ca](mailto:info@hypertension.ca) prior to the nomination deadline to be considered. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The letter of nomination should outline the candidate's work and significance to our knowledge of hypertension. The letter should specify the role of the candidate in any group research activities. If a major part of the candidate's research has been performed as part of a group, it is important to explain, in detail, the candidate's role in the work. Please include any manuscripts and/or reprints by the candidate which are considered important to the nomination. Include the candidate's curriculum vitae, including a list of publications and a list of grants for the previous three (3) years, including dollar amount and agency. The curriculum vitae should clearly state and provide evidence that the candidate has not exceeded a period of twelve years from the date of first appointment as an independent Investigator/Scientist/Faculty member.

Each submission (application and letters of support) is ranked according to the following 6 criteria:

1. Productivity in research related to hypertension or blood pressure (as judged by publications, presentations, funding). Score: 0 – 8
2. National/international recognition of the stature of the applicant in the area of hypertension or blood pressure (invited lecture, awards, high impact publications etc.). Score: 0 – 3
3. Contribution to knowledge translation or education related to research in hypertension or blood pressure (including supervision and teaching of graduate and postgraduate students). Score: 0 – 2
4. Contribution to administration related to research in hypertension or blood pressure. Score: 0 – 2
5. Extraordinary activities relevant to the advancement of research in hypertension or blood pressure. Score: 0 – 2
6. Letter of support (personal qualities, significance of research). Score: 0 – 2

Each member of the Awards Committee ranks the candidates out of a possible maximum score of 19. In the eventuality of potential conflict of interest, the committee member will not be eligible to rank the candidate.

**Selection:** The Awards Committee will review the letters of nomination and documents submitted in support of the nominations and will select recipients by consensus.

The award will be announced at our Canadian Hypertension Congress in the spring.

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