



Canadian Association of Geographers
Association Canadienne des Géographes

The Eric Crighton Mentorship Award

The Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) invites submissions for the inaugural *Eric Crighton Mentorship Award*. The award honours the memory and achievements of Professor Eric Crighton (1969-2024).

Eligibility

The nominee must be a current member of the CAG. The award will be presented annually by the Canadian Association of Geographers in recognition of exemplary and sustained commitment to mentoring within geography. It serves to recognize the important contributions of individuals to guiding, encouraging, supporting and sparking passion in geography for students and early career scholars.

The award commemorates the contributions of Professor Crighton to supporting and guiding students and early career scholars in their geography studies and careers. Eric was a medical geographer and Professor in Geography, Environment and Geomatics at the University of Ottawa, where his research focused on prenatal, pediatric and Indigenous environmental health. For over 20 years he supported the growth of numerous future geographers who have gone on to their own successful careers in and outside of academia, provided guidance for many early career scholars, and championed the CAG and its study groups as a means to support students across the country.

Criteria

1. The award recognizes mentorship within the context of Canadian geography. Mentorship is understood as a relational process which shares wisdom, insight, skills, psychosocial support, and career guidance to enable a mentee's individual growth and goal achievement. This may take the form an individual one-on-one relationship or a collective community relationship, it may be formal or informal.
2. The recipient of the award must be:
 - a. A member of the Canadian Association of Geographers, prior to the time of nomination;
 - b. A Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Adjudication

Recommendations for the award are made to the CAG Executive by the CAG Awards Committee.

Nominations

Nominations are to be made through a letter to the Chair of the CAG Awards Committee, along with the completed cover page signed by three CAG members in good standing and/or current/former students/trainees, mentees and/or colleagues of the individual being nominated. If this is impractical, the names of the three nominators may be printed on the form provided that each nominator's support is confirmed by an e-mail sent to the CAG Administrative Assistant at admin@cag-acg.ca.

The letter of nomination/support must indicate the category of award, should identify the nominee's mentorship contributions and explain why these contributions are significant, and be accompanied by an electronic version of a current curriculum vitae. Additionally, a minimum of three and a maximum of 10 personal reflection letters (max one page, single spaced) should be included in the package as supporting evidence. These personal reflection letters should outline how the nominee has impacted the individual's development, career and life, and may be written by CAG members or non-members.

Only ONE letter of nomination/support from the chief nominator will be accepted. Failure to provide such supporting evidence in complete and legible form is a disservice to the candidate and prejudices a fair and comprehensive assessment of the nomination. The letter, curriculum vitae and any other supporting materials may not total more than 35 pages and should be sent as an e-mail attachment to admin@cag-acg.ca. Please note that the reuse of letters of support associated with another process (e.g. tenure, promotion or other award) is possible only with the written permission of the original authors.

Submission Deadline

Nominations must be received electronically by the CAG office at admin@cag-acg.ca by January 31.