



## ***CALS Emerging Leisure Scholar Award***

### ***Description:***

The Canadian Association for Leisure Studies/Association canadienne d'études en loisir (CALs) **Emerging Leisure Scholar Award** recognises the significant early and potential contributions to the field of leisure studies by a Canadian leisure researcher who is untenured at the point of nomination. The Award recipient is already making a meaningful impact on the scholarly community and/or community at large. The individual has generated and/or influenced new concepts and ideas, provided new insights, advanced innovative perspectives and approaches to research, and ultimately, had a significant impact on the way in which leisure is understood and plays out in the lives of Canadians.

### ***Eligibility:***

To be eligible for the Emerging Scholar Award, nominees must:

- Normally be within seven years of completing their Ph.D. This period may be extended to account for career interruptions (e.g., parental leave, medical leave). Eligibility may include postdoctoral fellows.
- Be a Canadian citizen or currently working in Canada.
- Be a leisure researcher affiliated with a university or college, research institute, think tank, or government agency.
- Demonstrate an active role in the Canadian leisure field, with preference given to current members of the Canadian Association for Leisure Studies (CALs).
- Show evidence of contributions to Canada's leisure scholarship, whether through academic, applied, or community-based work.

### ***Criteria:***

Nominations will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Emerging contributions to Canadian leisure scholarship, including promising research, innovative approaches, early teaching accomplishments, or community-engaged work.
- Early publication record in *Leisure/Loisir* and other reputable venues, demonstrating potential for ongoing scholarly impact.
- Service to the scholarly community, including reviewing submissions for *Leisure/Loisir*, contributing to CALs sponsored conferences (e.g., CCLR, Congress), or supporting collaborative scholarly initiatives.
- Demonstrated potential for sustained impact in leisure studies in Canada, as indicated by research trajectory, leadership activities, interdisciplinary engagement, or knowledge-mobilization efforts.

### ***Nomination Process:***

#### Who may nominate:

Nominations may be submitted by colleagues, department chairs, or research collaborators familiar with the nominee's work. Individuals interested in being considered are encouraged to collaborate with colleagues to put forward a nomination. Individuals may be nominated in multiple years. Nominations are not carried forward from year to year; therefore, a complete nomination package must be submitted for each nomination cycle.

#### Nomination package requirements:

A complete nomination package must include:

- a. Cover page and confirmation of eligibility (see last page of this document).
- b. Nomination Letter (2 pages max)  
The letter should describe why the nominee meets the Emerging Scholar Award eligibility
- c. One additional letter of support  
Should reinforce the nominee's early-career promise and contributions
- d. Nominee's CV (10 pages max)

#### Submission procedures:

- All materials must be submitted as a single PDF named: Lastname\_Firstname\_EmergingScholar.pdf
- Submissions must be emailed to: [dtrussell@brocku.ca](mailto:dtrussell@brocku.ca)
- Late or incomplete nominations will not be reviewed.

#### ***Review and Adjudication***

Nominations will be reviewed by the CALS Awards Committee (at least two members of the Board of Directors) with the addition of one CALS member who is not a member of the Board of Directors. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Board. Any individual serving on the Committee or the Board who is a nominator or nominee, or from a nominee's institution must recuse themselves from all stages of the review and decision-making process<sup>1</sup>.

#### ***Presentation of the Award:***

The Emerging Leisure Scholar Award is available to be presented every year in conjunction with the CALS annual meeting. Each recipient will be awarded a \$500 prize (from Routledge via agreement with *Leisure/Loisir*), which will be sent to each recipient in the same year of award. At the tri-annual CCLR conference, plaques will be presented to all three recipients.

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<sup>1</sup> CALS will follow the Tri-council policy related to [Conflict of Interest](#).



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### Nomination Form

Deadline for nominations: **March 31, 2026**

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Nominee:

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Name Signature

Affiliation:

E-mail address:

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Nominator:

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Name Signature

Affiliation:

E-mail address:

Supporter:

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Name Signature

Affiliation:

E-mail address:

Eligibility Confirmation:

Please confirm the nominee meets the following criteria by checking the appropriate boxes.

- Within seven years of completing their Ph.D.
- Canadian citizen or currently working in Canada
- Active in leisure research
- Affiliated with a university, college, research institute, think tank, or government agency