



CALS Leisure Scholar Award

Description:

The Canadian Association for Leisure Studies/Association canadienne d'études en loisir (CALs) **Leisure Scholar Award** recognises the significant and unique contributions to the field of leisure studies by a Canadian leisure researcher. The Award recipient will have made a notable 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 considered for this award, nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a Canadian citizen or currently working in Canada.
- Be a leisure researcher affiliated at a university or college, research institute, think tank, or government agency.
- Be an active scholar or recently retired (within the past two years).
- Demonstrate a clear connection to the Canadian leisure field, with preference given to past or current members of CALs.
- Show evidence of meaningful contributions to Canada's leisure scholarship, whether through academic, applied, or community-based work.

Criteria:

Nominations will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Contributions to Canadian leisure scholarship, including research, teaching, knowledge mobilization, or community-engaged work.
- Publication record in *Leisure/Loisir*, the journal of the Canadian Association for Leisure Studies.
- Service to the Canadian scholarly community, such as reviewing manuscripts for *Leisure/Loisir* or participating in editorial or peer-review activities that support the journal's mission.
- Demonstrated commitment to advancing leisure studies in Canada, as shown through research trajectory, leadership activities, interdisciplinary engagement, and mentorship.
- Contributions to trans/interdisciplinary scholarship such as the extension of leisure into non-leisure spaces.

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 (2-3 pages max)
The letter should describe why the nominee meets the Leisure Scholar Award eligibility
- c. Two additional letters of support
Should reinforce the nominee's impact on the field and advancement of leisure studies in Canada.
- 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
- 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 process¹.

Presentation of the Award:

The Leisure Scholar Award may be presented annually in conjunction with the CALS annual meeting. In years when the tri-annual Canadian Congress on Leisure Research (CCLR) is held, plaques will be presented to all three recipients.

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



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Nomination Form

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

Nominee:

Name	Signature
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Affiliation:

E-mail address:

Nominator:

Name	Signature
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Affiliation:

E-mail address:

Supporter:

Name	Signature
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Affiliation:

E-mail address:

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Name	Signature
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Affiliation:

E-mail address:

Eligibility Confirmation:

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

- Active scholar or recently retired (within the past two years)
- Canadian citizen or currently working in Canada
- Affiliated with a university, college, research institute, think tank, or government agency