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APPLICATION PROCESS AND FORMS

Each fall, the Awards Committee of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC) will announce the annual awards program by email to the Deans, Directors and AFPC members at all faculties of pharmacy in Canada.

Each faculty should ensure that pharmacy and graduate students are aware of the awards and application process for student awards. The awards will be presented at the banquet held at the annual AFPC Canadian Pharmacy Education and Research Conference (CPERC). Student award winners will be invited to present a poster of their work at the AFPC Annual Conference.

The AFPC Standardized Award Application Form must be completed and submitted with each award application. Award applications, support/reference letters and all supporting documents must be submitted via email to the Executive Assistant at assistant@afpcpharmacy.ca on or before the specified due dates (see below).

FORMS

- AFPC Standardized Award Application Form
- AFPC Graduate Student Research Award Form: Nominee's Contribution to Submitted Paper (form to be completed by supervisor)
- AFPC / CFP Graduate Student Award for Pharmacy Practice Research Form: Nominee's Contribution to Submitted Paper (form to be completed by supervisor)

KEY DATES

February 1, 2027 – Poster Abstract Deadline

- Submit posters through the Call for Abstracts on the CPERC MyAbstract site (see website) to be eligible for the Whit Matthews Poster Awards (students) and Educational Scholarship Poster Awards (ESPA, faculty)

February 16, 2027 – application deadline for the following awards:

- AFPC Graduate Student Research Award
- AFPC/CFP Graduate Student Award for Pharmacy Practice Research
- AFPC New Investigator Research Award
- AFPC/Pharmascience Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning
- AFPC/PEBC Award for Innovation in Assessment
- AFPC/Pfizer Research Career Award
- AFPC/Pharmascience National Award for Excellence in Education
- AFPC Woods-Hughes Special Service Award
- AFPC Honoured Life Membership

March 1, 2027 – application deadline for the following award:

- AFPC Pharmacy Student Research Poster Award (one nominee per faculty)

April 15, 2027

- Successful award applicants will be notified by the AFPC Awards Committee Chair

AFPC PHARMACY STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER AWARD

(three national awards available)

Sponsor: AFPC

Purpose:
To stimulate and foster the development of research programs and research skills in all areas of pharmacy by undergraduate and graduate students of faculties of pharmacy in Canada.

Description of the Award:
This award provides funding for three students from three faculties of pharmacy in Canada to present a research poster at the annual AFPC Canadian Pharmacy Education and Research Conference (CPERC). A certificate will be presented to the recipients at the awards banquet held during the conference. A **travel grant of a maximum of $1,500** will be provided for each recipient to attend the conference. The grant will cover train or airline travel at economy fares (i.e., lowest available fares), accommodation expenses (maximum three nights) and related travel costs. The recipients will also receive complimentary CPERC registration and a ticket to attend the awards banquet. The cost of printing the poster can also be expensed.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:
1. Eligible candidates are undergraduate or graduate students conducting a research project in a faculty of pharmacy in Canada. A student conducting a project in a pharmacy-related area whose primary supervisor is a pharmacy faculty member is also eligible.
2. Each faculty of pharmacy shall select and submit one nominee. The student must have had a significant role in the research and poster and be one of the top three authors. It is suggested that each faculty hold an annual research poster competition to select its nominee. The poster presented from this local competition should be submitted for the AFPC competition.
3. To enable both undergraduate and graduate students to be winners of the three awards, if no undergraduate students' posters are ranked in the top three (of 10) through the peer review process, they will receive one of the awards if the poster is ranked in the top five.
4. No individual shall receive the award more than once within a four-year time frame. However, past nominees who did not win the award may be selected by their faculty for submission in future years.

Application Procedure:
1. **This award competition is limited to one nominee per faculty. The deadline for submission of nominations to AFPC is March 1, 2027.**
2. Each faculty is to inform AFPC of the name of their nominee and instruct their nominee to complete the standardized award application form, provide electronic copies of their poster and the template for abstracts for the AFPC Annual Conference (see below), and submit this information to the AFPC Executive Assistant at assistant@afpcpharmacy.ca.

Evaluation of Nominations:
1. The AFPC Executive Assistant shall forward individual submissions to the Chair of the Awards Committee.
2. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all nominations by 2-3 recognized experts who are AFPC faculty members.

3. The selection of the three best poster submissions shall be made no later than April 15, 2027.
4. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the AFPC Executive Director and communicate with successful candidates.
5. The award winners shall be recognized at the AFPC awards banquet held during the Annual Conference.

The three best poster award recipients are expected to participate in the poster session of the AFPC Annual Conference and attend the awards banquet. However, the winners are NOT eligible to compete for the AFPC Whit Matthews Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Awards.

Poster Abstract Template:

When submitting your application for the Student Research Poster Award, your abstract should follow the template for poster abstracts for the AFPC Annual Conference. Please follow these instructions when writing the abstract to accompany your poster:

1. There are two types of poster abstracts that can be submitted: Pharmacy Education Initiatives and Research. The Research category includes: 1) Teaching and Learning Research/Scholarship, 2) Pharmaceutical Science Research, or 3) Pharmacy Practice Research.

2. Pharmacy Education Initiative abstracts should include these 4 sections: 1) Background, 2) Goals, 3) Description, and 4) Effectiveness of the Initiative.

3. Research abstracts should include these 4 sections: 1) Purpose, 2) Methods, 3) Results, and 4) Conclusion.

4. Abstracts must not exceed 350 words, excluding the title and author affiliations.

5. Formatting requirements:
    - Abstracts must be submitted in PDF format.
    - The preferred font size and typeface are 11-point Calibri. Use the Symbol font for symbols and Greek letters.
    - Abstracts should be typed single-spaced and left-justified.
    - The title of the abstract should be typed in bold in sentence case (not all capitals) and be left-justified.
    - The authors' names and addresses must appear on a new line (in sentence case), not indented. Author names must include full first name, middle initial, last name (in that order).
    - The name of the presenting author should be italicized and preferably in the first position.
    - The affiliation for all authors must be indicated on a separate line using number superscripts if authors are from more than a single affiliation.
    - One line space should be left between the authors' affiliations and the beginning of the body of the abstract, with no indents. The main text of the abstract should be typed in sentence case.

AFPC GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

Sponsor: AFPC

Purpose:
To recognize the best research paper written by a graduate student from a faculty of pharmacy in Canada, and published or accepted for publication, during the calendar year preceding the annual meeting.

Description of the Award
A certificate will be presented to the recipient at the awards banquet held during the AFPC Annual Conference. A travel grant of a maximum of $1,500 will be provided for the recipient to attend the AFPC Annual Conference. The grant will cover train or airline travel at economy fares (i.e., lowest available fares), accommodation expenses (maximum three nights) and related travel costs. The recipient will also receive complimentary CPERC registration and a ticket to attend the awards banquet. They will be invited to present a poster on their research at the AFPC Annual Conference.

Criteria for Submission of Papers:
1. Eligible papers (English or French) are those that have been published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal within the calendar year preceding the application date of the award.
2. Only one nomination per faculty of pharmacy will be considered.
3. The student must be in a graduate program at the MSc or PhD level with their primary supervisor being a faculty member in a faculty of pharmacy in Canada. The student must be the primary author or co-author if the primary authorship is split.

Application Procedures:
1. To apply, the candidate must submit the following in PDF format to the AFPC Executive Assistant at assistant@afpcpharmacy.ca. The deadline for submission is February 16, 2027.
   a) The standardized award application form.
   b) The paper to be judged.
   c) Notice of acceptance from the journal in which the paper is to appear, if it has been accepted but not yet published.
   d) A form completed by the candidate's supervisor indicating the student's contribution to the study design, experiments, data analysis and writing of the paper. This form will be shared with the reviewers.
   e) A letter of support from the candidate's graduate supervisor confirming that the paper meets the criteria for the award (the letter will not be circulated to the reviewers).

Evaluation of Nominations:
1. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all nominations by 2-3 recognized experts who are AFPC faculty members.
2. The reviewers shall score the submitted papers based on 1) originality of research, 2) scientific rigour, 3) clarity of presentation, and 4) the nominee's contribution to the experiments, analysis and writing of the paper. Each of these elements shall be given equal weight.
3. The reviewers shall send their final individual assessments to the AFPC Awards Committee.

4. The final decision on the best paper shall be made by the AFPC Awards Committee, and the selection shall be made no later than April 15, 2027.
5. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the Executive Director and communicate with the successful candidate.
6. Note that the winner will not be eligible to compete for the Whit Matthews Graduate Student Poster Award.

AFPC/CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR PHARMACY
GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR PHARMACY PRACTICE RESEARCH

Sponsor: Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy (CFP)

Purpose:
To recognize the best pharmacy practice research paper written by a graduate student from a faculty of pharmacy in Canada, and published, or accepted for publication, during the year preceding the AFPC Annual Conference. The paper will report on research completed by the applicant while a graduate student at a Canadian faculty of pharmacy.

Description of the Award:
A certificate will be presented to the recipient at the awards banquet held during the AFPC Annual Conference. A **travel grant of a maximum of $1,500** will be provided for the recipient to attend the conference and present their work. The grant will cover train or airline travel at economy fares (i.e., lowest available fares), accommodation expenses (maximum three nights) and related travel costs. The recipient will also receive complimentary CPERC registration and a ticket to attend the awards banquet. They will be invited to present a poster on their research at the AFPC Annual Conference. Note that the winner will not be eligible to compete for the Whit Matthews Graduate Student Poster Awards.

Criteria for Submission of Papers:
1. Eligible papers (English or French) are those that have been published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal within the calendar year preceding the application date for the award.
2. The paper must be original research and fall within one or more of the following categories:
   a) Pharmacy practice research studying an aspect of the practice of pharmacy and its impact on healthcare systems, medicine use, or patient care.
   b) Drug efficacy and safety studies within the context of optimizing the role of pharmacists in contributing to patient outcomes.
   c) Behavioural, social, and administrative research that translates to the practice of pharmacy.
   d) Pharmacoeconomic, pharmacoepidemiologic, health services, or drug policy research which guides decision makers in providing optimal value in medication use.
   e) Pharmacy practice research that may include surveys, modelling, comparative studies, meta-analysis, systematic and scoping reviews, qualitative or mixed-method studies, or other suitable methods.
3. The applicant must have conducted the research for the paper while a graduate student, with their primary supervisor being a faculty member in a faculty of pharmacy in Canada.
4. Only one nomination per faculty of pharmacy will be considered.
5. Note that pharmaceutical science research papers will not be considered for this award.

Application Procedures:
1. To apply, the candidate must submit the following in PDF format to the AFPC Executive Assistant at assistant@afpcpharmacy.ca. The **deadline for submission is February 16, 2027.**
   a) The standardized award application form, signed by the student's supervisor.
   b) The paper to be judged.
   c) Notice of acceptance from the journal in which the paper is to appear, if it has been accepted but not yet published.

d) A form completed by the candidate's supervisor indicating the student's contribution to the experiments, analysis and writing of the paper. This form will be shared with the reviewers.
e) A letter of support from the candidate's graduate supervisor at the time the research was conducted. This letter will confirm that the paper meets the criteria for the award (the letter will not be circulated to the reviewers).

Evaluation of Nominations:

1. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all nominations by 2-3 expert reviewers who are AFPC faculty members.
2. The reviewers shall score the submitted papers based on 1) originality of research, 2) clarity of presentation, 3) scientific rigour, 4) impact on pharmacy practice and 5) the nominee's degree of contribution to the experiments, analysis and writing of the paper. Each of these elements shall be given equal weight.
3. The reviewers shall send their final individual assessments to the AFPC Awards Committee.
4. The final decision on the best paper shall be made by the AFPC Awards Committee, and the selection will be made no later than April 15, 2027.
5. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the AFPC Executive Director and communicate with the successful candidate.
6. Note that the winner will not be eligible to compete for the Whit Matthews Graduate Student Poster Award.

AFPC WHIT MATTHEWS GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POSTER AWARD

Sponsor: AFPC

Purpose:
To recognize the best undergraduate and graduate student posters presented at the annual AFPC conference.

Description of the Award
The AFPC Whit Matthews Graduate/Undergraduate Student Poster Award has two categories, graduate and undergraduate (i.e., first professional degree). Within each category, a winner will be selected from the students' presenting posters at the annual AFPC Canadian Pharmacy Education and Research Conference (CPERC). Each winner will be presented with a **cash award of $500** in recognition of their achievement at the awards banquet held at the conference.

The AFPC Whit Matthews Graduate/Undergraduate Student Poster Award is intended to stimulate student interest in research. The choice of Whit Matthews for the name of the award is to recognize former Professor and Dean, A. Whitney (Whit) Matthews (1902-1992), who was instrumental in setting up the Canadian Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties (CCPF) organization in 1944 that would eventually become AFPC. Professor Matthews was the first Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Study and Pharmaceutical Research, a position he held for 12 years. Professor Matthews was a strong believer in the importance of promoting research and graduate studies in Canadian faculties of pharmacy.

Eligibility:
1. **Graduate category:** the student must be in a graduate program at the MSc or PhD level with their primary supervisor being a faculty member in a faculty of pharmacy in Canada.
2. **Undergraduate category:** the student must be in a first professional degree (e.g., PharmD) or undergraduate degree (e.g., pharmaceutical science) program with their primary supervisor being a faculty member in a faculty of pharmacy in Canada.
3. The student must have had a significant role in the research and poster and must be listed as the presenting author in the abstract at the time of submission. Changes to the presenting author after submission are not permitted.
4. The student must attend and present their research work during the poster session at the AFPC Annual Conference. Judging will be done during the morning break on June 16, 2027. Only the one student listed as the presenting author is eligible to present their poster to the judges. If the presenting author is unable to attend the conference, a colleague may present on their behalf; however, the poster will be removed from the competition.
5. At the time of abstract submission **(deadline is February 1, 2027)**, all graduate and undergraduate student poster submissions that checked the box will automatically be entered into the competition for the AFPC/Whit Matthews poster award, with the exception of the three AFPC Student Research Poster Award winners and the winners of the two graduate student research awards. The standardized award application form does NOT need to be submitted.
6. A maximum of one poster can be presented by a student, due to the time available for judging. If the student has more than one poster accepted for presentation, they should check the box only for the abstract evaluated at the conference.

7. In order to be eligible for the competition, students must be registered for CPERC by the early bird deadline of May 15. Any students not registered by this date will be withdrawn from the competition.
8. Posters must be submitted in PDF format to the AFPC Executive Assistant two weeks prior to the conference date for the pre-conference judging component. Posters not received by this date will be removed from the competition.

Judging of Posters:

A peer review team of at least two AFPC members will judge the posters during CPERC. Time spent at each poster will normally be 10-15 minutes. Criteria for marking will include the originality of the research, clarity of presentation by the candidate, responses to questions by the reviewers, and the overall look and quality of the poster.

AFPC NEW INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH AWARD

Sponsor: Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada

Purpose:
To recognize outstanding research achievements and contributions of the junior members of the academic staff of faculties of pharmacy in Canada.

Description of the Award:
A certificate will be presented to the recipient at the awards banquet held during the AFPC Annual Conference. Travel and accommodation expenses to a maximum of $500 will be provided for the recipient to attend the conference. The recipient will also receive complimentary CPERC registration and a ticket to attend the awards banquet.

Selection Criteria:

1. Each candidate must be an active member of the academic staff in one of the faculties of pharmacy in Canada. Note that the candidate does not need to have tenure-track status.
2. The candidates shall be involved in high-quality research in pharmacy as an independent principal investigator, which includes the supervision of graduate students and/or postdoctoral fellows.
3. The nominee must be the principal investigator of the work submitted for consideration and must have been in the professorial stream for not more than a total of seven years at the deadline for submission of nominations. Note that selection will be based on research conducted during the nominee's current academic appointment. If a major portion of the candidate's research has been performed as part of a group, the individual's role in the work must be clearly explained.
4. The seven-year maximum may be extended up to two years if the nominee has taken parental or medical leave (dates of leave to be indicated on application form).

Procedures for Nominating Eligible Candidates:

1. Applications, including all relevant materials and documentation, must be received by the AFPC Executive Assistant no later than February 16, 2027.
2. Applications should be forwarded by email in PDF format, including the AFPC standardized award application form.
3. A candidate shall be nominated by at least two AFPC members (using the application form).
4. The nominee shall sign the nomination form indicating their willingness to let their name stand.
5. The nominators shall submit a covering letter (joint or two separate letters), not exceeding two typed pages, outlining the qualifications of the nominees that qualify them for the award, according to the selection criteria for the award.
6. The application shall include a complete current curriculum vitae, provided by the nominee. The curriculum vitae shall include information concerning the nominee's academic training and career, including positions held; honours and awards; peer-reviewed grants; peer-reviewed publications; invitational presentations; offices held in scientific or learned societies; editorial or advisory positions held with scientific or learned publications; visiting professorships; postgraduate fellows and graduate students supervised, along with titles of projects; graduate or research courses or seminars conceived, taught, or coordinated; relevant collaborations with other researchers; and other such information, including unpublished manuscripts which may be

relevant. The candidate's curriculum vitae must clearly state the date of appointment at their faculty of pharmacy.

7. The nominators shall also solicit the opinions of two recognized experts in the nominee's field. At least one of the letters must be from outside the institution of the nominee.

Evaluation of Nominations:

1. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all nominations by 2-3 recognized experts who are AFPC faculty members.
2. The selection shall be made no later than April 15, 2027.
3. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the AFPC Executive Director and communicate with the successful candidate.
4. The successful candidate is expected to attend the AFPC awards banquet to receive the award and will be invited to present a poster on their research at the AFPC Annual Conference.
5. If there is no suitable candidate, the award shall not be given in a particular year.
6. Nothing shall preclude the presentation of the award posthumously, provided the candidate was not deceased prior to twelve months before the presentation of the award.

AFPC/PHARMASCIENCE AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

Sponsor: Pharmascience

Purpose:
This Award will recognize the development of a significant innovation in teaching and learning that has been implemented and evaluated by members of the academic staff and are currently in place and operating within a faculty of pharmacy within Canada.

Description of the Award:
A certificate will be presented to the recipient at the awards banquet held during the AFPC Annual Conference. Travel and accommodation expenses to a maximum of $1,000 will be provided for the recipient to attend the conference. The recipient will also receive complimentary CPERC registration and a guest ticket to attend the awards banquet.

Selection Criteria:

1. AFPC members who have developed an innovation in pharmacy teaching and learning are eligible for this award. The candidate (individual or team) will be selected based upon the innovation and demonstration of its impact within the candidate's faculty.

Procedure for Nominating Eligible Candidates:

1. Applications, including all relevant materials and documentation, must be received by the AFPC Executive Assistant at assistant@afpcpharmacy.ca no later than February 16, 2027.
2. Candidates may be self-nominated, with one additional nominator who is an AFPC member. Alternatively, they shall be nominated by two AFPC members.
3. Applications should be forwarded by email in PDF format. This includes the AFPC standardized award application form.
4. The nominators or applicants shall submit a cover letter indicating why the innovation is significant, the impact it has made within their faculty, and its applicability beyond their institution.
5. The nominee will submit a portfolio (maximum of 8 pages, as outlined below) plus appendices (maximum of 10 pages) in a single PDF file. Clarity and conciseness will be valued in this portfolio.
   A) Description of the innovation – 40% (maximum: 4 pages)
   - Describe intent and reasons for implementing the innovation.
   - State specific learning objectives/desired outcomes that the innovation addresses.
   - Describe or provide examples of what happens in the course or specific activity (e.g., what the student does, what the instructor does).
   - Include sample instructional or assessment materials (as appendices).

   B) Evidence of impact on student learning – 40% (maximum: 2 pages)
   - May include student and/or peer evaluations of the innovation.
   - Discuss how the evidence suggests that the innovation is effective.
   - May include student work samples, tables, etc. (as appendices).

   C) Practicality, workability, and transferability – 10% (maximum: 1 page)
   - Discuss how easily the innovation might be implemented at other faculties of pharmacy or within other learning environments.

   D) Personal reflection – 10% (maximum: 1 page)
   - Describe what sets the innovation apart from current practice in pharmacy education, and

how it builds on or addresses gaps in existing work.
- Discuss what was successful and any remaining challenges.
- Describe any modifications planned and the rationale for those modifications.

<u>Evaluation of Nominations:</u>

1. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all nominations by 2-3 recognized experts who are AFPC faculty members.
2. The selection shall be made no later than April 15, 2027.
3. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the successful candidate.
4. The successful candidate is expected to attend the AFPC awards banquet to receive the award and will be invited to present a poster on their award-winning work at the AFPC Annual Conference.
5. No individual may receive the award more than once in any five-year period.
6. If there is no suitable candidate, the award shall not be given in that particular year.
7. Nothing shall preclude the presentation of the award posthumously, provided that the candidate was not deceased prior to 12 months before the presentation of the award.

AFPC / PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD OF CANADA AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN ASSESSMENT

Sponsor: Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC)

Purpose:
To recognize outstanding work in student assessment in the field of pharmacy.

Description of the Award:
A certificate will be presented to the recipient at the awards banquet held during the AFPC Annual Conference. AFPC will provide the recipient with complimentary CPERC registration and a ticket to attend the awards banquet. PEBC will provide a maximum of $3,000 for this annual award, which will include the following:

- A cash award of $1,000 for the recipient.
- Reimbursement to the recipient for air/rail travel expenses, including return economy-class airfare, from their residence to the site of the AFPC Annual Conference to receive the award.
- Reimbursement of accommodation expenses at the conference hotel (maximum of three nights).
- Reimbursement of meal expenses to a maximum of $75 per day.

Selection Criteria:

1. A candidate must be an active member of AFPC.
2. The candidates for the award shall be contributing to development in the area of student assessment through innovative work in conducting significant initiatives, research, seminars, workshops, conferences, committees, or publications.
3. Evidence shall be presented regarding the impact and recognition of the candidates' work by peers and/or students.

Procedures for Nominating Eligible Candidates:

1. Applications, including all relevant materials and documentation, must be received by the AFPC Executive Assistant at assistant@afpcpharmacy.ca, no later than February 16, 2027.
2. Applications should be forwarded by email in a single PDF file. This includes the AFPC standardized award application form, the portfolio and appendices.
3. Candidates may be self-nominated, with one additional nominator who is an AFPC member. Alternatively, they shall be nominated by two AFPC members.
4. The nominators or applicants shall submit a cover letter indicating why the contribution of the nominees is significant and describing the impact it has had within their faculty, and its applicability beyond their institution.
5. The application shall include a complete current curriculum vitae, provided by the nominee. The curriculum vitae shall include information concerning the nominee's academic training and career, including positions held; honours and awards; peer-reviewed grants; peer-reviewed publications; invitational presentations; offices held in scientific or learned societies; editorial or advisory positions held with scientific or learned publications; visiting professorships; postgraduate fellows and graduate students directed, along with titles of projects.
6. The portfolio should follow the outline below:
   A) Description of the research or initiatives in student assessment 40% (maximum: 4 pages)
   - Describe intent and reasons for conducting/implementing the research or initiatives in student assessment.

- State specific objectives/desired outcomes that the research or initiatives address in the area of student assessment.
- Describe or provide examples of the methods used to conduct the research or implement the initiative (e.g., what the student does, what the instructor does).
- Describe the overall results of the research/initiative.
- May include sample supporting materials (e.g., assessment materials forms that evaluate the assessments) (as appendices).

B) Evidence of impact on competency assessment 40% (maximum: 2 pages)

- Examples may include student and peer evaluations of the work.
- May discuss how the evidence suggests that the research/initiative met the stated objectives/desired outcomes.
- May include student work samples, tables, etc. (as appendices).

C) Practicality, Workability, and Transferability 10% (maximum: 1 page)

- Discuss how easily the research or initiative might be implemented beyond their institution.

D) Personal reflections 10% (maximum: 1 page)

- Describe what makes the research or initiative innovative in pharmacy student assessment.
- What does this research or initiative add to existing information in this area?
- Discuss what was successful and any remaining challenges.
- Describe any modifications planned and the rationale for those modifications.

Evaluation of Nominations:

1. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all nominations by 2-3 recognized experts who are AFPC faculty members.
2. The selection shall be made no later than April 15, 2027.
3. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the successful candidate, AFPC's Executive Director, and the PEBC.
4. The successful candidate is expected to attend the AFPC awards banquet to receive the award and will be invited to present a poster on their award-winning work at the AFPC Annual Conference.
5. No individual may receive the award more than once in any five-year period.
6. If there is no suitable candidate, the award shall not be given in a particular year.

Nothing shall preclude the presentation of the AFPC/PEBC Award posthumously, provided the candidate was not deceased prior to 12 months before the presentation of the award.

AFPC EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP POSTER AWARD

Sponsor: Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada

Purpose:
To recognize the best innovative and effective educational scholarship poster presented by a faculty member at the AFPC Annual Conference.

Description of the Award:
Educational scholarship and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) have gained traction in academic pharmacy as legitimate forms of scholarly activity.[1] Recognizing the intellectual work of teaching as scholarship and growing expectations for context-specific, evidence-based and research-informed curriculum decision-making are driving interest and engagement in the field.

Aligned with AFPC's commitment to advancing the quality of pharmacy education through scholarship, this Educational Scholarship Poster Award (ESPA; first awarded in 2022) recognizes and celebrates the scholarly achievements of faculty colleagues making a difference through educational scholarship and research. Informing best practices in educational research, teaching, student learning, curriculum decision-making and educational leadership for the benefit of our students, our institutions and academic pharmacy in Canada and beyond is the cornerstone of this award. The winner will be selected from the posters presented by Canadian pharmacy faculty members at the annual AFPC conference.

Eligibility:
1. Candidates for this award will be identified through the AFPC Call for Abstracts and online abstract submission process. The standardized award application form does NOT need to be submitted.
2. Only abstracts submitted through the official platform (website) under the Teaching and Learning Research/Scholarship categories will be considered for this award.
3. At the time of abstract submission **(deadline is February 1, 2027)**, the author will be invited to enter the competition for the AFPC Educational Scholarship Poster Award by indicating that the submission is to be considered for the award.
4. Additional eligibility criteria must then be checked in MyAbstract:
    - Meets the definition of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) and builds on scholarly teaching. (i.e., identifying key issues from the process of scholarly teaching, analyzing results and putting them into the context of the existing knowledge base).
    - Incorporates methodological appropriateness and rigour for research or educational initiatives.
    - Has utility and potential impact on pharmacy education (e.g., generalizability and/or transferability).
5. The lead author and presenter of the poster must be an AFPC member (i.e., faculty at a Canadian pharmacy faculty).
6. If an oral presentation abstract submission that indicated it wanted to be considered for the ESPA, is accepted for an oral presentation, it will not be eligible for the poster competition. However, if this oral abstract is accepted as a poster presentation, it will be included in the competition.

Selection Criteria:

A peer review committee will judge the abstracts and posters submitted for consideration under this award. Evaluation criteria will include:

- Meets the definition of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL).
- Uses a theoretical foundation.
- Incorporates methodological appropriateness and rigour.
- Originality and innovativeness of the research.
- Utility and the potential impact for pharmacy education.
- Overall look and quality of the poster.

Evaluation of Nominations:

Evaluation will be a three-step process. First, all accepted poster abstracts indicating they should be considered for the ESPA will be peer-reviewed and scored. The authors of the top 5-6 abstracts will be asked to submit a PDF of their poster two weeks prior to the start of CPERC. These posters will be reviewed prior to the conference and will then be presented and judged during CPERC.

During the poster presentation, evaluation will include a concise articulation of the educational challenge or opportunity, ability to highlight the methods and findings, compelling and persuasive discussion, and responsiveness to questions. Time spent on each poster by the review team will be about ten minutes.

After evaluating the posters, the judges will select a single poster as the winner. If no poster is deemed sufficiently qualified, the judging committee may choose not to present the award in any given year.

The award recipient will be recognized at the AFPC awards banquet along with a certificate recognizing the achievement, as well as complimentary registration to the next AFPC Annual Conference (may be deferred to the following year).

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[1] *Footnote:*

Scholarly Teaching (ST)*: goes beyond content knowledge and preparing and delivering a teaching session to observing a teaching-learning problem or opportunity, consulting literature, selecting and applying an educational intervention, conducting systematic observation, documenting observations, analyzing results and obtaining peer evaluation. The intent of scholarly teaching is to improve teaching practice and student learning (Medina et al., 2012; Richlin, 2001).*

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) *builds on the end product of ST to include making teaching strategies and learning outcomes peer-reviewed and publicly disseminated in appropriate media and venues. It involves identifying key issues from the process of scholarly teaching, analyzing results, and putting them into the context of the existing knowledge base so others can comment and build on those efforts (Medina et al., 2012; Richlin, 2001).*

AFPC/PFIZER RESEARCH CAREER AWARD

Sponsor: Pfizer Canada ULC.

Purpose:
To stimulate and foster the development of research programs in all areas of pharmacy by recognizing research excellence of members of the academic staff of faculties of pharmacy in Canada.

Description of the Award:
A certificate will be presented to the recipient at the awards banquet held during the AFPC Annual Conference. Travel and accommodation expenses **of a maximum of $750** will be provided for the recipient to attend the AFPC conference. The recipient will also receive complimentary CPERC registration and a guest ticket to attend the awards banquet.

Selection Criteria:

1. A candidate must be an active academic member of the faculties of pharmacy in Canada.
2. The candidate for the award shall be:
   a) Pursuing an active research career in pharmacy, including the supervision of graduate students and/or postdoctoral fellows; and
   b) Exerting a broad influence on pharmaceutical research as recognized by peers at national and international levels.
3. The award may also be given for a distinguished career or for a particular special achievement in pharmaceutical research.

Procedures for Nominating Eligible Candidates:

1. Applications, including all relevant materials and documentation, must be received by the AFPC Executive Assistant at assistant@afpcpharmacy.ca, **no later than February 16, 2027**.
2. Applications should be forwarded by email in one PDF file. This includes the AFPC standardized award application form, CV and appendices.
3. Each candidate shall be nominated by at least two AFPC members (using the application form).
4. The nominee shall sign the nomination form indicating their willingness to let their name stand.
5. The nominators shall submit a cover letter, not exceeding two (2) typed pages, outlining the contributions of the nominee that qualify them for the award, according to the selection criteria for the award. The candidate's research supervisor is not eligible to serve as a nominator.
6. The application shall include a complete, current curriculum vitae, provided by the nominee. The curriculum vitae shall include information concerning the nominee's academic training and career, including positions held; honours and awards; peer-reviewed grants; peer-reviewed publications; invitational presentations; offices held in scientific or learned societies; editorial or advisory positions held with scientific or learned publications; visiting professorships; postgraduate fellows and graduate students directed, along with titles of projects; graduate or research courses or seminars conceived, taught, or coordinated; relevant collaborations with other researchers; and such other information, including unpublished manuscripts, which may be relevant.
7. The nominators shall also solicit the opinions of two recognized experts in the nominee's field. **At least one of the letters from experts must be from outside Canada.**

Evaluation of Nominations:

1. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all nominations by 2-3 recognized experts who are AFPC faculty members.
2. The selection shall be made no later than April 15, 2027.
3. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the successful candidate and Pfizer Canada ULC.
4. The successful candidate is expected to attend the AFPC awards banquet to receive the award and will be invited to present a poster on their research at the AFPC Annual Conference.
5. No individual may receive the award more than once in any 10-year period.
6. If there is no suitable candidate, the award shall not be given in a particular year.
7. Nothing shall preclude the presentation of the AFPC/Pfizer Award posthumously, provided the candidate was not deceased prior to 12 months before the presentation of the award.

AFPC/PHARMASCIENCE NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Sponsor: Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada

Purpose:
To recognize an academic faculty member's excellent contribution(s) to educational leadership and innovation in Canadian pharmacy education.

Description of the Award:
A certificate will be presented to the recipient at the awards banquet held during the AFPC Annual Conference. Travel and accommodation expenses **of a maximum of $1,000** will be provided for the recipient to attend the AFPC conference. The recipient will also receive complimentary CPERC registration and a guest ticket to attend the awards banquet.

Selection Criteria:

1. A candidate must be an active academic faculty member of one of AFPC's member institutions.
2. The candidate for the award shall be exerting a broad impact on pharmacy education as recognized by peers at the institutional and national levels.

Procedures for Nominating Eligible Candidates:

1. Applications, including all relevant materials and documentation, must be received by the AFPC Executive Assistant at assistant@afpcpharmacy.ca, **no later than February 16, 2027**.
2. Applications should be forwarded by email in one PDF file. This includes the AFPC standardized award application form, CV, portfolio and appendices.
3. Each candidate shall be nominated by two AFPC members (using the application form).
4. The nominee shall sign the nomination form indicating their willingness to let their name stand.
5. The nominators shall submit a cover letter, not exceeding two (2) typed pages, outlining the contributions of the nominee that qualify them for the award, according to the selection criteria for the award.
6. A current curriculum vitae highlighting educational excellence, provided by the nominee, must accompany the application. The curriculum vitae should be limited to the categories outlined below and include information regarding the nominee's academic background, professional career, and relevant achievements, which may include:
    - Peer-reviewed grants and publications and invited presentations in education.
    - Graduate student supervision in the field of pharmacy education.
    - List of teaching responsibilities.
    - Seminars, workshops, conferences or other events for university colleagues on teaching/learning topics.
    - Teaching awards.
    - Work with teaching/learning committees or centres.
    - Organizing an orientation program for educators.
    - Work on curriculum projects.
    - Work within organizations/associations that have a mandate to support university teaching and learning.
    - Data from teaching evaluations over several years (preferably with normative data) could be presented as an appendix.

7. Their leadership role in the development of university teaching and learning should go beyond their taught courses. Thus, in addition to their CV, the applicant should present a portfolio that may include (maximum: 20 pages):
    - A description of any effective teaching strategies or significant course or curriculum development that had wider impact than own courses.
    - Research on pharmacy teaching/learning problems.
    - Specific initiatives or innovations in pharmacy-related education.
    - Relevant collaborations in the field of pharmacy education.
    - Letters of support from colleagues and students.
    - A key education research publication.
    - Any other relevant evidence that might be helpful to the Awards Committee.
8. The nominators shall also solicit the opinions of two recognized peers in the nominee's field. At least one of the letters should be from outside the nominee's institution.

<u>Evaluation of Nominations:</u>

1. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all nominations by 2-3 recognized experts who are AFPC faculty members.
2. The selection shall be made no later than April 15, 2027.
3. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the successful candidate, the AFPC Executive Director and Pharmascience.
4. The successful candidate is expected to attend the AFPC awards banquet to receive the award.
5. No individual may receive the award more than once in any 10-year period.
6. If there is no suitable candidate, the award shall not be given in a particular year.
7. Nothing shall preclude the presentation of the AFPC/Pfizer Award posthumously, provided the candidate was not deceased prior to 12 months before the presentation of the award.

AFPC WOODS-HUGHES SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Description of the Award:

The Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC) instituted an award in 1992 to be presented to an individual or group of individuals who are current or past AFPC members, and who have provided exceptional service to the Association.

The award is named for two of the founding members of AFPC. Dean Esli L. Woods was the first Chair of the Canadian Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties (CCPF), which later became AFPC, and Dr. F. Norman Hughes was the first secretary of CCPF. Dean Woods served as Chair from 1944-1946, and Dr. Hughes was secretary from 1944-1949 and Chair in 1952 and 1970. (Information from: *Celebrating our Heritage: A History of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada, the First Fifty Years 1944-1994. Edited by Bernard E. Riedel and Ernst W. Stieb).*

Eligibility and Criteria:

All AFPC members are eligible for this award. Past long-standing members who have contributed significantly to the organization may also be considered.

Having provided exceptional service, the AFPC member will be recognized for outstanding contributions and/or leadership in several ways. These can include (but are not limited to):

- Serving the membership through ongoing AFPC endeavours (e.g., newsletter, website development, conference organization, committee involvement).
- Serving as a councilor or an officer of AFPC (e.g., executive member, executive director).
- Chairing AFPC committees including significant AFPC initiatives.
- Representing AFPC on national or international initiatives, external to Board/Council affairs.
- Representing AFPC on national pharmacy or interprofessional organizations.
- Exceptional service can also be recognized as providing outstanding contributions and/or leadership in a single position or initiative.

Application and Selection Process:

1. The **deadline for submission is February 16, 2027**.
2. A letter is to be submitted to the AFPC Executive Assistant, outlining the nominee's contribution to AFPC.
3. The standardized award application form must also be completed and submitted, signed by two nominators who are AFPC members in good standing.
4. Note that the nominee is not required to sign the standardized application form.
5. The Executive Director will present nominations to the AFPC Board of Directors for review and approval, and the selection shall be made no later than April 15, 2027. If a worthy candidate is agreed upon, the President will notify the recipient.
6. Generally, only one Woods-Hughes Special Service Award will be awarded each year. As the award is based on exceptional service, it may not be awarded every year.

Award Presentation:

The Woods-Hughes Special Service Award will be presented at the awards banquet held during the annual AFPC Canadian Pharmacy Education and Research Conference (CPERC). The recipient will be presented with a certificate and provided with complimentary CPERC registration and a ticket to the awards banquet. A small travel grant to support attendance at the AFPC conference may be provided, depending upon the recipient's need and AFPC's annual budget.

AFPC HONOURED LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Description of the Award:

AFPC Honoured Life Membership is awarded to eligible individuals to recognize their outstanding contribution to the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada at a national level, in accordance with established criteria. Honoured Life Members shall have the right to belong to AFPC as a member for their lifetime.

Eligibility and Criteria:

1. AFPC Faculty Members: upon retirement or disablement, an Honoured Life Membership will be awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to AFPC and have been members for a minimum of 10 years (including at least five consecutive years at the time of their retirement or disablement).
2. AFPC Associate Members or Non-Members: individuals who have made significant contributions to AFPC, but who are not eligible to be regular academic members, can also be awarded Honoured Life Membership.
3. Nominations will be assessed based on the extent of outstanding contributions to AFPC at a national level, in support of AFPC's mission and vision, such as:
    a) Served on the AFPC Board of Directors, as President or an Officer.
    b) Served on the AFPC Council of Deans or Council of Faculties.
    c) Leadership over many years as the Chair of AFPC Committees, Special Interest Groups, Task Forces, Working Groups, or through other voluntary work.
    d) Contribution to AFPC which has enhanced academic pharmacy at a national or international level.
    e) Evidence of recognition and/or honour because of national academic pharmacy contributions.
    f) Impact in support of the mission and goals of AFPC where the nominee has influenced change.

Application and Selection Process:

1. The **deadline for submission is February 16, 2027**.
2. Candidates shall be nominated by at least two AFPC members. The standardized award application form must be completed and submitted, signed by the two nominators, who are AFPC members in good standing.
3. The nominee is **not** required to sign the standardized application form.
4. At least one letter must be submitted to the AFPC Executive Assistant outlining that the criteria have been met. The nominee's contribution and service to AFPC must be documented in sufficient detail to allow adjudication and selection.
5. The Executive Director will present nominations to the AFPC Board of Directors for review and approval, and the selection shall be made no later than April 15, 2027. If a worthy candidate is agreed upon, the President will notify the recipient.
6. The number of AFPC Honoured Life Membership awards granted in one year is not limited; if there are no qualified candidates nominated, the award will not be granted.

Award Presentation:

Honoured Life Memberships will be presented at the awards banquet held during the annual AFPC Canadian Pharmacy Education and Research Conference (CPERC). The recipient will be presented

with a certificate and provided with complimentary CPERC registration and a ticket to the awards banquet. A small travel grant to support attendance at the AFPC conference may be provided, depending upon the recipient's need and AFPC's annual budget.

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