



Chemical Institute of Canada | **For Our Future**
Institut de chimie du Canada | **Pour notre avenir**

Margaret-Ann Armour Award for Early Career Chemistry Education

Terms of Reference

This award is presented in memory of Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour as a mark of recognition to an early career educator who has made an outstanding contribution in Canada to undergraduate education at the post-secondary level in the chemical sciences, chemical engineering, or chemical technology.

Deadline for Application

September 01, 2020

Sponsor

Sponsored by the friends and colleagues of Margaret-Ann Armour, including the Chemical Education Fund, CSC Inorganic Division, CIC Macromolecular Science and Engineering Division, University of Alberta, Office of Science & Society at McGill University, University of Ottawa, University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, Brock University, and Wilfrid Laurier University. Donations to the Margaret-Ann Armour Award endowment may be made through the [Chemical Education Fund](#).

Award

A framed scroll, award lecture in a Chemistry Education Division symposium at the CSC or CSChE conference, and a cash prize to be determined.

Eligibility

The nominee must be within their first ten years* of teaching as a primary instructor at the post-secondary level in the calendar year of nomination.

* excluding instruction during graduate studies, time spent on parental leave or gaps in employment.

Membership in the Society is not a prerequisite for receiving this award.

Supporting letters

Supporting letters for this award might include such information as: description of special methods and procedures (models, instruments, computer programs, etc.), reorganization of course content, innovations in teaching methods or curricula, and professional activities of the candidate. Details of teaching effectiveness are important, i.e. testimonials from students describing the effect of the nominee on their attitudes towards chemistry and/or chemical engineering, and teaching awards that the nominee has received with the component of student evaluation described. Details of disciplinary education activities such as publications, lectures, curriculum development and administrative positions are also useful.

Nominations must include

- Citation (250-word maximum) statement of why the candidate should receive the award. This is the key document in the nomination and this information should be relevant to the achievements for which the award is being offered.
- Biographical Sketch (250-word maximum) This provides background information on the nominee and summarizes past accomplishments. This is also a summary of information obtained from a teaching dossier.
- Teaching Dossier reflecting multi-faceted evidence of teaching excellence (maximum 9 pages).
- Supporting Letters (3 to 5) At least one letter must be from outside the nominee's organization.

The nomination shall remain in force for three consecutive years provided that the nominee continues to meet the eligibility requirements. Nominators are responsible for keeping the record of the nominee up to date and complete.

Selection Committee:

- CIC board member responsible for awards as non-voting chair of the Selection Committee.
- Chair of the Chemistry Education Division
- Two past recipients of the Margaret-Ann Armour Early Career Chemistry Education Award. (Previous CIC Chemistry Education Award recipients will substitute until two past Margaret-Ann Armour Award recipients are available)
- In the event of conflict(s) of interest, the Chair of the Selection Committee shall designate alternative member(s) of the Chemistry Education Division executive to serve on the award jury

The award shall be presented annually unless the Selection Committee considers that no suitable candidate has been nominated. A minimum of three nominations are necessary to convene the Selection Committee.