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# Margaret-Ann Armour Award for Early Career Chemistry Education

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 primarily at the post-secondary level in the chemical sciences, chemical engineering, or chemical technology.

## Deadline

July 2 of every year

## 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 plaque
- Cash prize to be determined

The award shall be presented at the CCCE or CSChE conference. The recipient will be asked to present an award lecture in a Chemistry Education Division symposium at the CSC or CSChE conference.

## 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, and pro-rated for part-time teaching appointments.

Nominators or candidates who are unsure of a nominee's eligibility may send a brief summary of the candidate's career and teaching history to the [Chemistry Education Division Chair](#) and/or the [CIC Awards Coordinator](#). The Chemistry Education Division Chair will send the anonymized summary to 3-5 executive or past division awardees (who are not in conflict) to adjudicate eligibility.

Nominations that are judged to be beyond the early career eligibility will be considered for the [CIC Chemistry Education Award](#).

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. As teaching assignments vary widely between institutions, one letter (e.g., that from the department chair or unit head) should detail the context of the nominee's position, e.g., typical course load, administrative duties, other expectations, etc. 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.



## Nomination Requirements

A nomination package must be submitted electronically through [ScholarOne](#). The package should include the following:

- **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.

## Notes

In the event of conflict(s) of interest, the Chair of the Selection Committee shall designate alternative members 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.