

# **Dean's Excellence Awards – Community Member Health Champion Award**

## **Terms of reference and conditions**

**Submission deadline: December 7, 2023**

### **The Award**

A call for nominations for the Dean's Excellence Awards – Community Member Health Champion Award is issued every second year. The award recognizes the work and contributions of individuals or groups based outside Memorial University in advocating and acting for health promotion. Contributions may be in the form of speaking up effectively to create change (advocacy) or in taking action to make change happen in other ways. The focus is the health of the general population of Newfoundland and Labrador, or of a defined group or community within this province.

Three areas of advocacy or action fall within the scope of this award:

1. Improving the social determinants of health (for example, income, employment, housing or shelter, etc.)
2. Improving health equity (through action on the determinants of health or through improving access to services)
3. Addressing challenges relating to being and staying healthy faced by particular groups because of stigma or discrimination (e.g., because they are Indigenous, racialized, or because of their gender identity or sexual orientation, etc.).

Candidates or organizations/groups selected for this honour will meet both of the following criteria:

- a. The action or advocacy falls within one of the three areas described above
- b. Evidence is provided to support the level and impact of the candidate's (or group's) engagement, in a form that is appropriate to the activity, group or context.

**Categories:** Community health advocacy

A maximum of one award may be granted in an award year.

- There shall be no obligation to recommend an award in the absence of suitably qualified candidates.
- No individual or group shall receive the award more than once

### **Eligibility of Nominee(s)**

With the exceptions noted below, this award is open to all residents and community-based voluntary/not-for-profit organizations or groups residing and based within Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Exceptions:**

Individuals: No full-time member (faculty, staff, or student) of Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador is eligible.

Groups: No MUN employee or student groups are eligible. However, eligible groups may have MUN employees/students as individual members.

**Required Nomination Documentation**

Any faculty member, staff member or student may nominate an individual for this award. The nomination package should include:

1. A nomination letter outlining how the nominee satisfies the award criteria
2. A one-page citation indicating how the nominee has contributed to promoting the health of the population
3. A one-page summary of the candidate's background and experience
4. Two letters of reference: one from a faculty member and one from a community member
  - a. Additional letters of reference are permitted. Additional reference letters may be from faculty, staff, students, or community members

**Submission**

Complete nomination packages should be emailed to the Chair of the Faculty of Medicine Awards Committee via Research and Graduate Studies ([rgs@mun.ca](mailto:rgs@mun.ca)) no later than **December 7, 2023**.

**Review**

Nominations will be assessed by the Faculty of Medicine Awards Committee (or a subcommittee thereof) which will make its recommendation to the Dean. Nominations will be adjudicated on the award criteria listed above.

**Award Process**

Awardees will be notified in writing. There will normally be a ceremony to recognize award recipients, and they will be presented with a plaque in recognition of their contributions.