

The Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Awards:

- recognize the important professional and community contributions that our alumni are making to the world and society
- celebrate and honour alumni who have consistently demonstrated outstanding achievements
- highlight the Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry and the accomplishments of its alumni
- connect the alumni community, the university community, and the wider community
- strengthen alumni pride in, and affinity to, the Faculty of Dentistry

AWARD CRITERIA

General (*selection criteria*)

The Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Awards recognize graduates, students, faculty, and friends of the Faculty of Dentistry for excellence, leadership, and innovation in their achievements and contributions to the social, cultural, and economic well-being of society, which positively reflect on the Faculty of Dentistry. Alumni will be recognized for their exemplary contributions in all areas worthy of recognition.

Outstanding/significant nominees will be characterized by qualities including, but not limited to:

- prominence and acclaim in their chosen field
- a consistent and comprehensive record of excellence and achievement beyond the norm
- persistent effort and courage in the face of adversity
- innovative and effective approaches to challenging problems
- an ongoing and positive effect on their field and/or other people

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

This award is presented, when merited, to graduates of Dalhousie University's Faculty of Dentistry who have made special and/or distinctive contributions to their community, profession, society at large, or the Faculty of Dentistry. Special consideration will be given to candidates who have advanced the art and science of dentistry or dental hygiene through high-quality dental service, research, education, or volunteerism; served the organized profession with distinction; or who have made significant contributions that have extended the frontiers of dentistry or dental hygiene. Nominees must either be in good standing with their regulatory authority or retired in good standing.

Two awards are normally presented per calendar year – one to a dentistry alumnus and one to a dental hygiene alumnus. The Dentistry Alumni Committee (DAC) reserves the right to present additional awards, or to refrain from presenting the award, in a given year.

EARLY CAREER ALUMNI AWARD

This award is presented, when merited, to an alumnus within 10 years of receiving a DDS, DDH, BDH, or graduate degree whose excellent accomplishments and leadership – either in their professional career or through community service – provide inspiration to students and other early career alumni.

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FRIEND OF DAL DENTISTRY AWARD

This award is presented, when merited, to an individual, company, organization, group, or foundation that has had a positive and substantial impact on the Faculty of Dentistry through volunteerism, promotion, support, financial assistance, collaboration, and/or participation.

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NOMINATIONS

Nominations for these awards may come from any source, except self-nominations. To promote consistency and fairness, nomination dossiers must be presented in the following order:

- 1) A completed nomination form (attached)
- 2) A letter from the primary nominator, illustrating the candidate's suitability for this award (reason for the nomination; highlight achievements, service, research, education, volunteerism, etc.) (max. 2 pages)
- 3) Minimum of one letter of support (max. 1 page each)
- 4) A curriculum vitae or other documentation to support the nomination

SELECTION

Successful candidates for this award will be selected by the DAC Awards Subcommittee, approved by the dean of the Faculty of Dentistry/director of the School of Dental Hygiene, and ratified by the DAC. While encouraged, it is not a requirement for recipients of this award to attend the presentation ceremony.

Completed nomination dossiers must be received by **May 1, 2025** to be considered. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. Please see the attached nomination form for contact information.

Nominee's name: _____

Nominee's e-mail address: _____

Nominee's program and graduation year: _____

Nominator's name: _____

Nominator's telephone number: _____

Nominator's e-mail address: _____

Award: (please check one)

- ☐ Outstanding Alumni Award
- ☐ Early Career Alumni Award
- ☐ Friend of Dal Dentistry Award

Nomination submission checklist:

- ☐ Nomination form
- ☐ Letter from the primary nominator
- ☐ Letter of support 1 (max. 1 page)
- ☐ Nominee's curriculum vitae or other documentation to support the nomination

Please submit this form with your completed nomination dossier to:

Dentistry Alumni Committee
c/o Kathy MacFarlane
Dalhousie University
5981 University Avenue, Room 5157A
PO Box 15000
Halifax, NS B3H 4R2
E-mail: alumni.dentistry@dal.ca

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