



THE CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH SYNAPSE AWARDS 2012

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Synapse Awards are given out to emphasize the importance of mentors in developing Canada's next generation of health researchers. The CIHR Synapse Awards honour persons who have made exceptional contributions to the promotion of health research among Canadian secondary school students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Who can apply?

- Master's, doctoral student or postdoctoral fellow
- Individual researcher
- Research group

Candidates must be official CIHR Synapse mentors at the time of the nomination. They must have engaged in productive and sustained youth engagement activities focused on stimulating or maintaining an interest in health research in young people at the secondary school level. Candidates will be judged based on the results achieved from such activities. To become a CIHR Synapse mentor, potential candidates simply have to create a CIHR Synapse Profile (see instructions at www.synapse.cihr.gc.ca/awards).

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Anyone with direct knowledge of a contribution made by a person or a group to the promotion of health research among young people can nominate that person or group for an award. It is also possible to nominate oneself or one's group for a CIHR Synapse Award.

All nominations must be received by CIHR on or before **Friday, January 27, 2012.**

Former winners cannot be nominated a second time.

Each individual winner will receive a \$5,000 award. Each winning group will receive a \$10,000 award that is intended to help support its mentorship activities among young people.

For more information on the CIHR Synapse Awards, visit our website at www.synapse.cihr.gc.ca/awards.

The nomination is for:

- Master's, doctoral student or postdoctoral fellow
- Individual researcher
- Research group

Please complete this form and attach the following information:

- Brief description of the candidate's outreach/engagement activities with secondary school students (3 pages maximum)
- Two letters of recommendation (1 page each)
- The nomination must also clearly show that the candidate is a CIHR Synapse mentor

Name, title and mailing address of nominee:

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name, title and mailing address of nominator:

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send your nominations to:

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The decisions about the CIHR Synapse Awards are final. If no nominations are deemed suitable, no award will be given. Nominators must provide the nominees' written consent to their nomination, to the information mentioned therein, and, if selected for a CIHR Synapse Mentorship Award, to the release of their name and a brief description of their activities. Any additional disclosures will be made in consultation with the recipients, but no claim may be made against CIHR as a result of such disclosures. The signature of the nominee constitutes his/her agreement to be bound by these rules. Submissions and support material become the property of CIHR and will not be returned.