

A graphic element for the Apex Awards logo, showing a blue silhouette of a person standing on a mountain peak with arms raised in triumph. The mountain and person are rendered in a gradient of blue.

APEX AWARDS
Alberta Pharmacy Excellence

Terms of Reference

APEX (Alberta Pharmacy Excellence) Awards

The APEX awards recognize excellence in pharmacy practice in Alberta. Initiated in August 2007, the awards were jointly funded, promoted, and presented by the Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP) and the Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA). In 2021, ACP announced the withdrawal of their partnership as of 2022. RxA will continue to host the awards independently.

There are Eight APEX Award Categories:

- M.J. Huston Pharmacist of Distinction
- W.L. Boddy Pharmacy of the Year
- Excellence in Patient Care Award
- Award of Innovative Practice
- Future of Pharmacy
- Friend of Pharmacy
- Bowl of Hygeia
- Mentorship Award

The Terms of Reference are provided in this booklet.



M.J. Huston Pharmacist of Distinction

Dr. Mervyn James Huston was born in 1912 in Ashcroft, BC. He graduated from the University of Alberta's School of Pharmacy in 1936 and received his PhD from the University of Washington in 1944. He became acting director of the U of A School of Pharmacy in 1946 and director in 1947, then helped the school evolve into the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. He was elected president of the Canadian Pharmacists Association in 1972. He retired as Dean at the U of A in 1978.

Dr. Huston was involved in establishing the first nuclear reactor for pharmaceutical research in a pharmacy faculty. The project evolved into world-recognized research in that field.

Dr. Huston was known for his wit and zest for life. He was a noted academic, author, musician, and humourist. He wrote four texts, including one on pharmaceutical arithmetic, plus other books. He won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour for his novel, Gophers Don't Pay Taxes, and wrote several radio plays, in addition to a musical drama that was an award winner in the Alberta Centennial Competition. He also received honorary degrees from Dalhousie University and the U of A. He died on March 4, 2001.

Terms of reference

The M.J. Huston Pharmacist of Distinction award is presented annually to a pharmacist who has demonstrated leadership and advanced the pharmacist profession through a long-time commitment to innovation, continual professional development, and quality patient care.

The winner epitomizes professional pharmacist practice and is an inspiration to those striving to raise standards and advance the profession; and to pharmacists who, through their professionalism, provide models for others.

1. The nominee must be in good standing with the Alberta College of Pharmacists.
2. The nominated pharmacist cannot be a current staff or council member of the Alberta College of Pharmacists, a current staff or board member of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association, or a member of the APEX Awards Committee.
3. The nominee cannot previously have received this award.
4. The Awards Committee must receive nominations for this award by the published deadline.
5. The award will not be presented posthumously.

6. The award will be presented at a time deemed appropriate by the RxA Board.
7. Nominations not selected remain under consideration for up to 3 years.
8. The power of decision for granting the award rests with the CEO of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association.

Award presented

- Award Statue.
- Complimentary RxA membership for one year.
- The recipient will be promoted through RxA publications, website, and social media.

NOTE: This award is not necessarily granted every year.



The W.L. Boddy Pharmacy Team Award

Terms of reference

This award is presented to a healthcare team (pharmacy staff team or multidisciplinary team that includes one or more pharmacists) in Alberta who, by virtue of their collaboration skills and use of the pharmacist's full scope of practice, positively impact the health of individuals in their community.

The Awards Committee will consider how the team incorporates the pharmacists' full scope of practice, and factors such as staffing, workflow, staff training and development, policies and procedures, technology and innovative programs to offer excellent patient care.

1. All health professionals working on the team must be members in good standing with their respective regulatory bodies.
2. The nominated pharmacists and pharmacy technicians cannot be a current staff or council member of the Alberta College of Pharmacists, a current staff or board member of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association, or a member of the APEX Awards Committee.
3. The nominee cannot previously have received this award.
4. The Awards Committee must receive nominations for this award by the published deadline.
5. The award will not be presented posthumously.
6. The award will be presented at a time deemed appropriate by the RxA Board.
7. Nominations not selected remain under consideration for up to 3 years.
8. The power of decision for granting the award rests with the CEO of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association.

Award presented

- Award Statue.
- The recipient will be promoted through RxA publications, website, and social media.

NOTE: This award is not necessarily granted every year.



Excellence in Patient Care Award

Terms of reference

This award is presented to a pharmacist who in the last calendar year has gone over and above in their commitment to deliver quality patient care and for their lasting impact on patient outcomes, health, and wellness.

1. The nominee must be in good standing with the Alberta College of Pharmacists.
2. The nominated pharmacist cannot be a current staff or council member of the Alberta College of Pharmacists, a current staff or board member of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association, or a member of the APEX Awards Committee.
3. The nominee cannot previously have received this award.
4. The Awards Committee must receive nominations for this award by the published deadline.
5. The award will not be presented posthumously.
6. The award will be presented at a time deemed appropriate by the RxA Board.
7. Nominations not selected remain under consideration for up to 3 years.
8. The power of decision for granting the award rests with the CEO of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association.

Award presented

- Award Statue.
- The recipient will be promoted through RxA publications, website, and social media.

NOTE: This award is not necessarily granted every year.

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Award of Innovative Practice

Terms of reference

This award is presented to a pharmacist who in the last calendar year has developed and/or implemented an innovative, original pharmacy program or service, which is significant to their area of practice and has a lasting impact on patient outcomes.

1. The nominee must be in good standing with the Alberta College of Pharmacists.
2. The nominated pharmacist cannot be a current staff or council member of the Alberta College of Pharmacists, a current staff or board member of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association, or a member of the APEX Awards Committee.
3. The nominee cannot previously have received this award.
4. The Awards Committee must receive nominations for this award by the published deadline.
5. The award will not be presented posthumously.
6. The award will be presented at a time deemed appropriate by the RxA Board.
7. Nominations not selected remain under consideration for up to 3 years.
8. The power of decision for granting the award rests with the CEO of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association.

Award presented

- Award Statue.
- The recipient will be promoted through RxA publications, website, and social media.

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Future of Pharmacy Award

Terms of reference

The Future of Pharmacy Award is presented to up to three pharmacists per year who exude a passion for pharmacy and offer extraordinary promise to the profession. Nominees will exhibit strong leadership skills and the initiative to become one of the profession's role models.

The Awards Committee will consider how the nominee has exceeded expectations and gone above the day-to-day requirements of their role as a pharmacist. The nominee will have developed professional networks, participated in educational opportunities and professional development, and demonstrated overall excellence through their involvement in the pharmacy community.

1. The nominee must be:
 - a. a member who has been in practice at least one and not more than five years;
 - b. in good standing with the Alberta College of Pharmacy.
2. The nominated pharmacist cannot be a current staff or council member of the Alberta College of Pharmacists, a current staff or board member of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association, or a member of the APEX Awards Committee.
3. The nominee cannot previously have received this award.
4. The Awards Committee must receive nominations for this award by the published deadline.
5. The award will not be presented posthumously.
6. The award will be presented at a time deemed appropriate by the RxA Board.
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8. The power of decision for granting the award rests with the CEO of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association.

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Friend of Pharmacy Award

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The Friend of Pharmacy Award is presented to a non-pharmacist/non-pharmacy technician who has contributed significantly to the success of the profession of pharmacy. The recipient will have gone beyond the day-to-day expectations of their work to exemplify excellence in their field of work as well as in their contribution to pharmacy.

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Award presented

- Award Statue.
- The recipient will be promoted through the RxA publications, website, and social media.

NOTE: This award is not necessarily granted every year.



Bowl of Hygeia

Terms of reference

The Bowl of Hygeia is awarded annually to a pharmacist who has compiled an outstanding record of community service which, apart from their specific identification as a pharmacist, reflects well on the profession.

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3. The nominee cannot previously have received this award.
4. The Awards Committee must receive nominations for this award by the published deadline.
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8. The power of decision for granting the award rests with the CEO of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association.

Award presented

- Award Statue.
- The recipient will be promoted through RxA publications, website, and social media.

NOTE: This award is not necessarily granted every year.



Mentorship Award

Terms of reference

The Mentorship Award recognizes excellence amongst mentors in the pharmacy profession. The recipient of this award has shown extraordinary commitment throughout their career in guiding, supporting and promoting the training and career development of others and has had a significant positive impact on their mentee's careers. This award is based on the training experiences and success of the nominee's mentees.

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