



Social Prescribing Impact Awards Nomination Information

The Social Prescribing Impact Awards were established to honor and recognize outstanding contributions to the adoption, implementation, and advancement of social prescribing in Canada. The awards will be given out during Canada's Social Prescribing Conference - Advancing Social Prescribing for Health & Wellbeing

At the Canadian Institute for Social Prescribing, we are dedicated to fostering and honoring social prescribing initiatives that emphasize health equity and collaboration. We strive to elevate the voice of the community as the driving force for positive change.

By celebrating the achievements of individuals and organizations, we aim to highlight the transformative power of social prescribing in improving health and wellbeing. These awards seek to acknowledge and celebrate innovation, dedication, inclusivity, and research excellence within the social prescribing movement. We hope these awards will encourage continued learning, collaboration, and further adoption of social prescribing practices across diverse sectors to foster healthy, resilient and thriving communities.

Nominations will be reviewed by a multisectoral and pan-Canadian committee, comprising experts from various fields and regions across Canada to ensure a diverse and comprehensive evaluation process.



Award Category: Social Prescribing Innovation Award

This award celebrates an organization or program that has demonstrated exceptional innovation in social prescribing through unique, out-of-the-box, creative partnerships, knowledge sharing, and novel approaches that have significantly impacted health and wellbeing in their community.

Criteria:

Adherence to Social Prescribing Best Practices:

While showcasing innovation, the program should also reflect established social prescribing best practices. This includes a holistic approach to health and wellbeing, personalized care plans, and seamless integration with healthcare and community services.

Originality and Creativity of the Program:

The program must show evidence of innovative methods or partnerships that set it apart from traditional approaches and that address the unique needs of its community.

Impact on Participants' Health and Wellbeing:

Evidence or testimonies supported by data, that the program has positively affected the health and wellbeing of its participants.

Community Engagement and Partnership:

The program should demonstrate strong community involvement, co-creation, and collaboration with diverse stakeholders, including unique and creative partnerships.

Knowledge Sharing and Contribution to Social Prescribing Practice:

The program should have actively contributed to the broader field of social prescribing by sharing insights, knowledge, and best practices that can help to improve and strengthen social prescribing initiatives elsewhere.

Improvement of Health Equity and Reduction of Barriers for Marginalized Populations:

The program must show tangible efforts and outcomes in improving health equity and reducing barriers for marginalized and underserved populations.



Award Category: Social Prescribing Connector Award

This award recognizes an individual or team that has made a significant impact on people and communities as a social prescribing connector, link worker, advisor, or navigator. This individual exemplifies dedication to improving health and wellbeing through person-centred, co-creative, and collaborative efforts that address the social determinants of health.

Criteria:

Impact on Participants' Health and Wellbeing:

Evidence or testimonies supported by data, showing that the connector has significantly improved the health and wellbeing of participants through their work.

Demonstration of Core Values of Social Prescribing:

The connector must exemplify the key values of social prescribing, including person-centred, co-creative, and collaborative efforts in their approach and work.

Enhanced Communication and Collaboration Across Sectors:

The connector should show substantial efforts in bridging the gap between medical health and social care, exemplifying improvement in communication and collaboration between different sectors, contributing to a more integrated and effective holistic care network.

Contribution to Strengthening Social Prescribing Knowledge and Practice:

The connector must have actively shared knowledge and best practices that help enhance and develop social prescribing initiatives, demonstrating a commitment to the growth of the field.



Award Category: Social Prescribing Researcher/Research Team Award

This award honors a researcher or research team that has made significant contributions to the evidence and knowledge base of social prescribing through innovative and impactful research. Their work has advanced the field and provided valuable insights that enhance social prescribing practices and adoption.

Criteria:

Quality and Rigor of Research:

The research must be peer-reviewed and demonstrate a high standard of quality and rigor, ensuring credibility and reliability.

Advancement of Social Prescribing:

The research should significantly contribute to the understanding and progression of social prescribing, offering new perspectives and findings that benefit the field.

Application and Dissemination of Findings:

Evidence of effective application and widespread dissemination of research findings, ensuring that the insights gained are shared and utilized within the social prescribing community.

Collaboration with Communities or Practitioners:

The research should involve collaboration with communities or practitioners, ensuring that the study is grounded in real-world contexts and addresses practical needs.

Real-World Impact and Applicability:

The research must demonstrate tangible impact and applicability, showing how the findings have been implemented and have influenced social prescribing practices in real-world settings.



Award Category: Social Prescribing Student Champion Award

This award recognizes a student who has been instrumental in advancing social prescribing knowledge and practices within their campus or educational institution. This individual has shown exceptional leadership and initiative, mobilizing fellow students and promoting the principles and practices of social prescribing.

Criteria:

Leadership and Initiative:

The student must exhibit strong leadership and initiative in promoting social prescribing, taking proactive steps to raise awareness and drive engagement within their educational community.

Engagement and Mobilization of Fellow Students:

Evidence of successful engagement and mobilization of fellow students, creating a collaborative and active community around social prescribing.

Commitment to Advancing Social Prescribing Principles and Practices:

Demonstrated dedication to the core values of social prescribing, showing a commitment to advancing these principles and practices through various activities and initiatives.