Rehabilitation Sciences Institute
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

RSI Student Awards

Six awards will be granted, each of the three types awarded to one MSc level student and one PhD level student

- ***Leadership Award:*** recognizes student leadership and contributions to the RSI and university community.
- ***Outstanding Community Service Award:*** recognizes contributions to the community at large.
- ***Peer Mentor Award:*** recognizes a student for their strong mentorship qualities and contributions to student mentor initiatives and events.

Preference will be given to a student who has demonstrated leadership qualities through extracurricular activities, community service, and/or other personal achievements. Applications will be evaluated for academic merit, research ability/potential, and extracurricular leadership.

Nomination Eligibility

- ❑ Student currently enrolled at the University of Toronto with either full or part-time status.
- ❑ To be eligible for these awards, a student must not have been recognized for this award during their current degree.
- ❑ Be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7 (A-) at the end of the previous academic session prior to the opening of the nomination period.
    - ❑ Exceptions to this requirement may be granted only under extraordinary circumstances.
- ❑ Must have reached a minimum threshold of at least one academic term of volunteering in the form of any one, or a combination, of the following:
    - ❑ Leadership on committees or influence on student or university affairs
    - ❑ Improvement in the quality of life of students
    - ❑ Contributions to the co-curricular experience
    - ❑ Encouragement of fellow students to become involved in extracurricular activities
    - ❑ Contribution to the sense of community at U of T
- Other points to consider when nominating a candidate:
    - Leadership and involvement in relation to academic achievement
    - The value of the student's contribution, rather than the office or position held
    - Contributions made as part of a paid position are not eligible
        - Although paid work should not be considered towards a student's leadership contributions, if a student has received a stipend or honorarium rather than a regular wage they may still be considered if the student went above and beyond what they were specifically

compensated for. The amount of the stipend and whether it is an adequate reflection of the time, effort, and leadership invested by the student will also be considered.

- Volunteer leadership outside the University community will be considered, but only as a complement to contributions within the University community including hospitals and health organizations in TAHSN (Toronto Academic Hospital Science Network)

Nomination Criteria

For each award nomination letter and personal statement, please comment and provide specific examples where the candidate demonstrated some or all of the following qualities:

Student Mentorship Award

- Candidate demonstrates outstanding peer mentorship as measured by the quality and impact of their mentorship relationships
- Candidate demonstrates willingness to share knowledge, skills, and expertise.
- Provides guidance and constructive feedback; values the opinion and initiatives of others.
- Motivates mentees through setting a good example.
- Promotes and facilitates mentorship opportunities in the community.

Student Leadership Award

- Candidate demonstrates outstanding leadership as measured by the quality, impact, and legacy of their contributions (e.g., toward quality of life of students and a sense of community)
- Actively engaged in a variety of activities in a leadership role (consider type of role, responsibilities, duration of involvement, etc.).
- Contributes toward the development of leadership qualities in other students.
- Demonstrates exceptional initiative, creativity, and/or problem solving ability.
- Demonstrates exemplary behaviour, character, and/or role modeling.

Outstanding Community Service Award

- Candidate demonstrates outstanding community service as measured by the degree to which their services/action have made a lasting or meaningful contribution or impact on their community.
- Candidate had a significant impact upon the direction and success of community projects, programs, or individuals.
- Actively engaged in a variety of community service opportunities (consider type of role, responsibilities, duration of involvement, etc.).
- Inspires others to volunteer or contribute; enthusiastic and passionate about helping others.

Nomination Procedure

Any member of the university community may nominate a candidate (including staff and faculty members, alumni, and students). Self-nominations are permitted but not recommended.

- Nominators are encouraged to submit nominations for the award most applicable and appropriate relative to the students' affiliation and contributions.
- Only one nomination package may be submitted per candidate for each academic year.

Each nomination package must include the following:

- Nomination form completed in full
- Up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume which should be no longer than two pages
    - The CV or resume should be specifically tailored to the Student Leadership Award application
    - The CV or resume should enhance the reader's knowledge or and validate experiences for which the student is being nominated

Nomination packages must be submitted online as a single PDF file to:

rehabscienceawards@gmail.com

By April 13th, 2018 at 5:00pm

Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.