



Community-Based Research Canada

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# Call for Applications

## Award for Excellence in Community-Campus Research Partnership

### 2026



**CBRC Canada recognizes excellence in community-driven research for societal change.**

#### AWARD DESCRIPTION

The CBRC Canada Community Research Excellence Awards are intended to recognize the achievements of a promising community-based research partnership and signify the importance of community-based research as a growing field of practice. The *Award for Excellence in Community-Campus Research Partnership* honours the exemplary contributions of a community-campus research partnership that has demonstrated

excellence in community-based research. Research partnerships applying for the award should demonstrate excellence in research process (e.g., driven by community with meaningful participation of research partners); research quality (e.g., meaningful, innovative data collection and analysis), and research impact (e.g., community issues addressed by research informed evidence). Research partnerships applying for the award should exemplify an authentic and reciprocal relationship among community and academic partners.

#### The Awarded Research Partnership will:

- Receive a commemorative plaque and a \$5,000 cash prize to support their community-based research.
- Be recognized for their research achievements at an Award Ceremony that will be held virtually on *May 26, 2026 at 12:00 PM ET*.
- The awarded Research Partnership will ideally be accepted by two representatives: one individual from community and one individual from academia.
- Be recognized as the *2026 Excellence in Community-Campus Research Partnership Award* recipient on the CBRC Canada website, e-news, and social media.
- Be invited to virtually showcase their research at CBRC Canada events to a network of 70+ member organizations across the country and beyond.



#### SELECTION CRITERIA

The Research Partnership should:

- Demonstrate excellence in community-based research process, principles, quality, and impact.
- Exemplify an authentic and reciprocal relationship among community and academic research partners.
- Be currently undertaking a research project (or recently finished project activities) in Canada.
- Have at least one member who belongs to a CBRC Canada member organization OR who is a registered individual member of CBRC Canada.
- Have selected two representatives from the research partnership to accept the award: one from community and one from academia.

#### APPLICATION PACKAGE

Application packages should include:

A) A completed Community-Campus Research Partnership Award application form.

B) Two to three endorsements by members of the community and/or academia by letter (up to 1.5 pages) or video (up to 4 minutes).

**Note:** Each interested organization may submit their top 3 nominations per award. Individuals should check with their affiliated organization to ensure they are following the internal selection process.

**Submit your application package by April 10, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET through the CBRC Canada Awards online form portal.**

Award recipients will be announced early May 2026, and a virtual Awards Ceremony will be held on *May 26, 2026 at 12:00 PM ET* to honour the recipients. Applications will be evaluated by the CBRC Canada Awards Subcommittee.

If you have questions, please contact the CBRC Canada Secretariat at [info@communityresearchcanada.ca](mailto:info@communityresearchcanada.ca) or visit our [FAQ page](#).