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# Call for Nominations Award for Emerging Community- Based Researcher 2026



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

## ***AWARD DESCRIPTION***

The CBRCanada Community Research Excellence Awards are intended to recognize the achievements of a promising community-based researcher and signify the importance of community-based research as a growing field of practice. The *Award for Emerging Community-Based Researcher* recognizes and celebrates an individual who embodies community-based research values in their work. Nominees for this award should be working closely with a community(ies) in support of transformational community-driven, participatory, and action-oriented research that imagines and builds innovative solutions that address community needs. They are deeply committed to social justice, the issue and/or community(ies) in which they work, and have a drive toward turning research into short and long-term actions to pressing societal issues.

### **The Awarded Emerging Community-Based Researcher will:**

- Receive a commemorative plaque and a *\$1,000 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*.
- Be recognized as the *2026 Emerging Community-Based Researcher Award* recipient on the CBRCanada website, e-news, and social media.
- Be invited to virtually showcase their research at CBRCanada events to a network of 70+ member organizations across the country and beyond.



## ***SELECTION CRITERIA***

The nominee should:

- Be an emerging community-based researcher (established within approximately the last five years), including community researchers, PhD students or recent graduates, post-doctoral fellows, or early career researchers. Applicants should be applying no more than five years from graduation and/or five years into their current research position.
- Have conducted research with communities in Canada.
- Have their research grounded in societal justice (including attention to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion).
- Have their research be co-created with community partners and driven by community needs and priorities.
- Be able to showcase evidence toward turning community-based research into actions addressing societal issues.
- Belong to a CBRCanada [member organization](#) OR is a registered individual member.

## ***NOMINATION PACKAGE***

Nomination packages should include:

A) A completed [Emerging Community-Based Researcher Award nomination 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 CBRCanada 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 CBRCanada Awards Subcommittee.

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