

Paediatrics Awards and Recognition Committee (ARC) Bulletin

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The Department of Paediatrics Awards and Nomination Committee (ARC) was established in March 2021 with the goal of elevating the local, national, and international profile of the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Toronto. By strategically promoting our talented faculty, we aim to enhance their academic standing and career development both within the University and on a global scale.

Upcoming Awards and Deadlines

To strategically promote Paediatrics Faculty and enhance our local, regional, and international profile, we plan to send out a quarterly communication detailing upcoming awards. Below are the details of upcoming awards. We encourage you to assess your eligibility for these awards or consider nominating deserving colleagues.

Award	Deadline	Website
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Awards	September 14, 2025	https://www.royalcollege.ca/en/get-involved/awards-and-funding
Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Awards	To be announced – nominations to begin September 30	https://www.cma.ca/cma-awards-and-nominations
Gairdner International and Global Health Awards	October 1, 2025	https://www.gairdner.org/awards/about-the-gairdner-awards
Children’s Healthcare Canada Awards	To be announced soon (December)	https://www.childrenshealthcanada.ca/en/about-us/leadership-awards.aspx
Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) Awards	January 31, 2026	https://cps.ca/en/awards-prix
University of Toronto Honours & Awards Database		https://research.utoronto.ca/honours-awards/honours-awards

Awards Announcements

We are proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our faculty members. These honours reflect their leadership, clinical care, research, teaching, advocacy, and dedication to improving the health of children and families locally, nationally, and globally.

Career Recognition Awards

Prestigious honours recognizing early career and lifetime achievement.

- **Dr. Catherine Birken** (Paediatric Medicine, SickKids) received the Geoffrey C. Robinson Award from the Canadian Paediatric Society in recognition of her leadership and innovation in population health research.
- **Dr. Shoo Lee** (Neonatology, Sinai Health) was honoured with the Alan Ross Award by the Canadian Paediatric Society for his transformative contributions to neonatal and perinatal medicine.
- **Dr. Elena Pope** (Dermatology, SickKids) earned the International Leadership Award from the International Society of Pediatric Dermatology, acknowledging her global impact in paediatric dermatology.
- **Dr. Jeremy Friedman** (Paediatric Medicine, SickKids) was presented with the inaugural Distinguished Hospital Paediatrician Award by the Canadian Paediatric Society for his excellence in clinical care, education, and advocacy.
- **Dr. Norman Rosenblum** (Nephrology, SickKids) received the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his significant contributions to paediatric nephrology and service to the community.
- **Dr. Brian Feldman** (Rheumatology, SickKids) was recognised with the Clinician Investigator Award from the Pediatric Chairs of Canada for his leadership in paediatric rheumatology research.
- **Drs. Astrid Guttmann** (Paediatric Medicine, SickKids) **and Rulan Parekh** (Nephrology, SickKids & Women’s College) were named Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, celebrating their sustained leadership and impactful contributions to health research.
- **Dr. Catharine Walsh** (GHN, SickKids) received the Fellow Designation from the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology for her excellence across research, education, and clinical innovation in gastroenterology.
- **Dr. Anne Griffiths** (GHN, SickKids) was honoured with the Research Excellence Award from the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology for her career of high-impact research in digestive health.
- **Dr. Peter Gill** (Paediatric Medicine, SickKids) earned the Temerty Research Excellence Award (paediatric medicine) for his innovative research driving advances in clinical medicine, and was also a recipient of the Temerty Medicine 2025 Dean’s Alumni Emerging Leader Award.

Education & Mentorship Awards

Celebrating excellence in teaching, mentorship, and learner development.

Temerty Education Achievement Honourees - Each recognized for outstanding contributions to medical education and mentorship.

- **Dr. Nirit Bernhard** (Paediatric Medicine, SickKids) — Miriam Rossi Award
- **Dr. Kevin Weingarten** (PACT & PGME, SickKids)— Sarita Verma Award
- **Dr. Julie Johnstone** (Paediatric Medicine, SickKids) — CAME Certificate of Merit

Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) celebrated **Dr. Nicola Jones** (GHN, SickKids) for her leadership and innovation in gastroenterology education.

Congratulations!



Equity, Diversity & Community Impact Awards

Recognizing leadership in advancing equity, inclusion, and community health.

- **Dr. Ripudaman Singh Minhas** (Developmental Paediatrics, Unity Health) — Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Excellence Award, American Academy of Pediatrics. Honoured for advancing equity and inclusion in pediatric care and research.
- **Dr. Ryan Giroux** (Developmental Paediatrics, Unity Health) — Dr. Thomas Dignan Indigenous Health Award, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Recognized for improving Indigenous child health through culturally sensitive care in inner-city clinics.



On behalf of our Chair, Dr. Meredith Irwin, we are pleased to announce the following Faculty who have reached significant service anniversaries at SickKids.

- **1 Year of Service:** Dr. Caitlyn Hui, Dr. Alexandra Kilian
- **5 Years of Service:** Dr. Isaac Martin, Dr. Caroline Malcolmson, Dr. Alastair Fung , Dr. Frances Yeung, Dr. Gregory Costain, Dr. Elana Miral Barak, Dr. Maya Harel-Sterling
- **10 Years of Service:** Dr. Rebecca Levy, Dr. Romy Cho, Dr. Jennifer Smith, Dr. Ashley Vandermorris, Dr. Sarah Lord
- **15 Years of Service:** Dr. James Whitlock, Dr. Sarah Schwartz
- **20 Years of Service:** Dr. Hosanna Au
- **25 Years of Service:** Dr. Lillian Sung, Dr. Trent Mizzi, Dr. Elena Pope
- **30 Years of Service:** Dr. Rae Yeung, Dr. Melanie Kirby-Allen, Dr. Nicola Jones
- **40 Years of Service:** Dr. Jeff Kobayashi

New paper!

Check out this brief paper that provides tips for faculty on planning for awards and supporting other faculty. It is available through the UofT online library.



Sanjay Mahant, ARC Co-Chair

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ARC Committee Members:

- Jabeen Fayyaz
- Prakesh Shah
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Please let us know if any faculty members have recently received awards, and feel free to share any new award opportunities with us!
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<https://paeds.utoronto.ca/awards-and-recognition-committee-arc>