

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	September 6, 2026	https://www.royalcollege.ca/en/get-involved/awards-and-funding
Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Awards	December 19, 2026	https://www.cma.ca/cma-awards-and-nominations
Gairdner International and Global Health Awards	October 1, 2026	https://www.gairdner.org/award/canada-gairdner-international-award
Children’s Healthcare Canada Awards	TBD December	https://www.childrenshealthcarecanada.ca/en/about-us/leadership-awards.aspx
Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) Awards	TBD December	https://cps.ca/en/awards-prix
Temerty Faculty of Medicine CPD Awards & Fellowships	TBD December	https://www.cpd.utoronto.ca/scholarship/awards-fellowships/
Temerty Faculty of Medicine External Education and Teaching Awards	December 14, 2026	https://temertymedicine.utoronto.ca/external-education-and-teaching-awards
University of Toronto Honours & Awards Database		https://research.utoronto.ca/honours-awards/honours-awards
Temerty Faculty of Medicine Medical Education and Teaching Awards Database		https://meded.temertymedicine.utoronto.ca/awards-database

Celebrating Excellence in Paediatrics

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.



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Olivia Ostrow has been selected as the recipient of the inaugural 2026 Academic Leadership Quality Improvement Award. Supported through ARC’s internal review process, this new national award recognizes pediatric leaders whose sustained contributions to quality improvement have transformed care, advanced patient safety, improved outcomes, and strengthened healthcare systems for children and families.



Pediatric Chairs of Canada
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Career Achievement and Professional Recognition

Prestigious honours recognizing excellence and achievement across career stages.

Dr. Vijay Ramaswamy has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Mid-Career Exemplary Member Award from the Society for Neuro-Oncology. This award recognizes a mid-career member demonstrating early success and promise for significant career achievements in neuro-oncology through research, education, service, advocacy, and clinical care.

Dr. Brian Feldman – recipient of the Canadian Rheumatology Association Master Award, recognizing his leadership and longstanding contributions to rheumatology care, research, mentorship, and advocacy in Canada.

Dr. Ryan Giroux received the Early Career Paediatrician Award from the Canadian Paediatric Society. This award celebrates the leadership qualities of an early career paediatrician and recognizes exceptional contributions and commitment to advocating for child and youth health at the regional level.



Dr. Prakesh Shah and Dr. Michael Dunn received the Distinguished Neonatologist Award from the Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Section of the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS). Established in 1995, this award recognizes sustained contributions to the field of neonatology.



Research, Innovation and Impact

Recognizing excellence in research, innovation, and mentorship that advances child health.



Dr. Kathy Boutis received the 2026 CAEP Ian Stiell Researcher of the Year Award and the Amy Plint PERC Mentorship Award, recognizing her pioneering contributions to pediatric emergency medicine research, medical image interpretation, and mentorship of current and future leaders in pediatric emergency research.

Dr. Mark Tessaro received the Golden Probe Award for Research Impact at the 2026 P2 Network Meeting. The P2 Network is an international PEM POCUS organization representing more than 200 physicians across five continents and is dedicated to advancing the use of portable ultrasound technology in pediatric emergency department settings.



Dr. Jessie Hulst has received the 2026 Khursheed Jeejeebhoy Award for Best Application of Clinical Nutrition Research Findings to Clinical Practice from the Canadian Nutrition Society. This award recognizes leaders whose contributions have helped advance nutrition research, practice, and service in Canada.

Education and Mentorship

Celebrating excellence in teaching, mentorship, simulation-based learning, and learner development.

Dr. Kathryn Parker received the Canadian Association for Medical Education Certificate of Merit, which recognizes faculty committed to advancing medical education in Canadian medical schools. Dr. Parker is recognized for her influential contributions to health professions education, including teaching, evaluation, leadership, policy, and practice.



Dr. Jabeen Fayyaz received the Award for Excellence in Simulation-Based Medical Education for Postgraduate Medical Education Faculty from the University of Toronto. This award recognizes faculty who demonstrate innovation and leadership in simulation-based medical education. Dr. Fayyaz is recognized for her sustained leadership across institutional, national, and international levels, and for advancing capacity-building, system-aligned education, and equity in simulation-based learning.



Advocacy, Equity and Leadership
Honouring leadership, advocacy, and equity-focused contributions that improve care and outcomes for children and families.



Dr. Ripudaman Minhas received the Victor Marchessault Advocacy Award from the Canadian Paediatric Society. This award honours individuals who have made outstanding contributions to children and youth in Canada through advocacy at the local, provincial, or national level.



Dr. Meta van den Heuvel received a 2026 Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Paediatric Society, recognizing outstanding contributions to child and youth health at the regional level. Dr. van den Heuvel is recognized for her work advancing child health equity, with a focus on the social determinants of health, including food insecurity and financial hardship.



Dr. Indra Narang received the 2026 Inclusive Leadership Award from the Associated Professional Sleep Societies, an international honour recognizing leaders advancing inclusion, access, and equity in sleep medicine and research.



Dr. Avram Denburg – recipient of Canada’s Drug Agency 2026 Dr. Maurice McGregor Award, recognizing his contributions to paediatric drug policy and health technology assessment in Canada and internationally.



Have you recently received an award, or know of a colleague that received an award that you’d like to be highlighted in the Department of Paediatrics newsletter? Please send us the details at arc.paediatrics@sickkids.ca

On behalf of our Chair, Dr. Meredith Irwin, we are pleased to announce the following Faculty who have reached their 25th year of service at SickKids.

Dr. Anh Do, Dr. Kathy Boutis, Dr. Jennifer Russell,
Dr. Catherine Birken, and Dr. Valerie Waters





ARC welcomes our newest member, Dr. Suzanne Schuh! Dr. Schuh is an internationally recognized investigator whose research has advanced the management of acute respiratory illnesses in children, including asthma, bronchiolitis, and croup. In addition to her significant research contributions, she has mentored numerous academic emergency medicine researchers who now hold faculty positions worldwide. Her expertise and perspective will be a valuable addition to our committee.

Sanjay Mahant,
ARC Co-Chair

Annie Huang,
ARC Co-Chair

ARC Committee Members:

Jabeen Fayyaz

Prakesh Shah

Suzan Williams

Suzanne Schuh

Catherine Lim Shue (program support)

For any questions or feedback/comments, please contact us at arc.paediatrics@sickkids.ca.



<https://paeds.utoronto.ca/awards-and-recognition-committee-arc>