

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.

*****CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Pediatric Chairs of Canada (PCC) Awards*****

PCC Annual Pediatric Academic Leadership Awards - 5 Categories:

- 1. Clinician Practitioner:** Excellence in leadership will be primarily focused on the clinician whose clinical practice has served as an outstanding environment for the education of trainees and the advancement of practice through knowledge translation and dissemination, as well as leadership within the discipline.
- 2. Clinician Educator:** Excellence in leadership will be primarily demonstrated through the advancement of educational innovation and practice that enhances the quality of teaching related to children and youth, and more broadly
- 3. Clinician Investigator:** Excellence in leadership will be primarily demonstrated through outstanding leadership in the development of environments that foster opportunity for child and youth health research.
- 4. Emerging Academic Leader:** Excellence will be primarily focused on the faculty member who has shown great initiative and leadership, early in their career. Emerging leaders understand the power of influence without authority, position or title; they demonstrate good judgement and show initiative, they are a role model to peers, and they have begun to make meaningful contributions to advance the future of pediatrics, improving health outcomes for all children. Note: This award is designated for candidates who have completed a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 10 years of active service since their pediatric training (or subspecialty training, if applicable), excluding any periods of leave.
- 5. ****NEW****** This award honors a lifetime of exceptional leadership in pediatric quality improvement, recognizing data-driven, innovative, and widely influential contributions that enhance patient safety, outcomes, system effectiveness, experience, and health equity across pediatric care settings. Note: Eligible candidates must currently hold, or have previously held, an academic appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or higher. This award is intended for senior pediatric leaders with substantial career experience in quality improvement with a sustained track record of impact over time.

How to Apply:

If you wish to nominate a candidate - please send a CV, and paragraph to support the nomination to arc.paediatrics@sickkids.ca. Please note, the deadline for receipt of nominations is March 31st at PCC - we kindly request that nominations be sent to our committee no later than February 18th. The Department can put forward **one** candidate for each award.

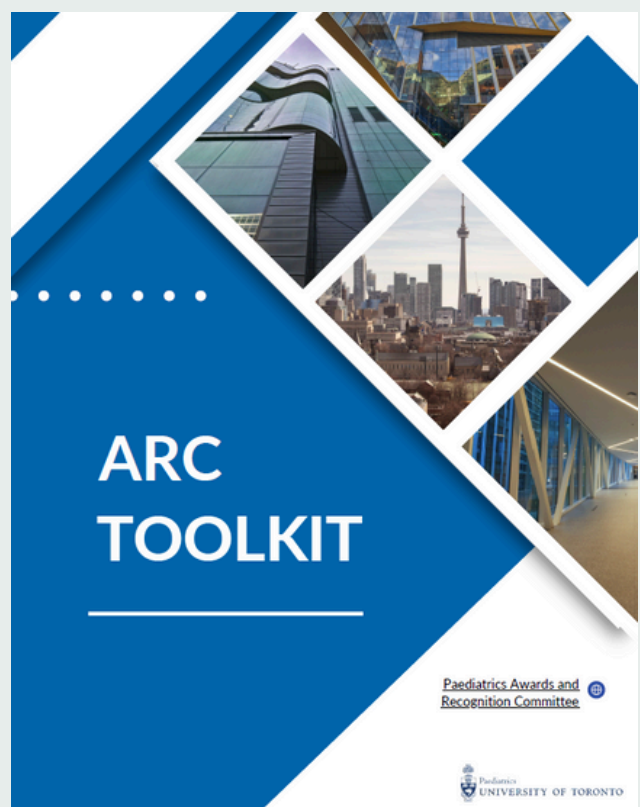
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Award	Deadline	Website
American Pediatric Society (APS) Awards	Call opens in May	https://www.aps1888.org/awards/#toggle-id-1-closed
Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) Awards	January 31, 2026	https://cps.ca/en/awards-prix
Gairdner Foundation – Peter Gilgan Canada Gairdner Momentum Award	July 15, 2026	https://www.gairdner.org/award/canada-gairdner-momentum-award
Order of Ontario Award	March 31, 2026	https://www.ontario.ca/page/order-ontario#section-3
Order of Canada Award	None	https://www.gg.ca/en/honours/canadian-honours/order-canada/nominate-someone
University of Toronto Honours & Awards Database		https://research.utoronto.ca/honours-awards/honours-awards

ARC Toolkit

We are pleased to introduce the ARC Toolkit, a comprehensive resource designed to support faculty in achieving recognition through awards for excellence in clinical care, education, research, and leadership. The toolkit provides a structured and strategic approach to identifying, planning for, and securing awards, helping faculty showcase their achievements and enhance their academic impact. Developed by the Department of Paediatrics Awards and Recognition Committee (ARC), this resource aims to foster a culture of recognition across the Department and empower faculty to highlight their contributions locally, nationally, and internationally. Please visit our ARC website to access this great resource.



Celebrating Excellence in Paediatrics

National Honours & Distinctions

- Dr. Bill Logan – Order of Canada. Recognized for his remarkable national and international leadership in child neurology, as well as his exceptional mentorship, compassion, and lifelong dedication to improving the wellbeing of children.
- The Honourable Senator Rosemary Moodie – Honorary Degree, Queen’s University. Awarded for her outstanding achievements and significant contributions to local, national, and global communities.
- Dr. Peter Wong – King Charles II Coronation Medal. Honoured for his significant contributions to community service, clinical excellence, and public health advocacy—achievements that bring great credit to Canada.

Leadership in Research & Education

- Dr. Gabrielle Freire – APS/SPR 2026 Dr. Francis S. Collins Scholar Award. Awarded by the American Pediatric Society and the Society for Pediatric Research in recognition of exceptional promise in advancing pediatric research, scientific innovation, and commitment to improving child health.
- Dr. Debra Katzman – SAHM Outstanding Achievement Award in Adolescent Medicine (2026). The highest honour from the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, recognizing sustained contributions to the health and health care of adolescents and young adults through research, education, clinical work, and mentorship.
- Dr. Brian Feldman – ACR Master Designation. One of the highest honours from the American College of Rheumatology, recognizing exceptional scholarly achievement, leadership, and service to the field of rheumatology.

Clinical & Community Impact



Dr. Lillian Sung – POGO FRCPC Champion Award. Recognizes outstanding leadership, advocacy, and impact within pediatric oncology practice.

Dr. Sumit Gupta – POGO Visionary Award. Honours leaders whose innovation and strategic contributions are advancing the future of childhood cancer care



Dr. Nick Selvathesan & Dr. Suzanne Beno – SickKids 2025 President’s Awards. Celebrates individuals who exemplify exceptional leadership, collaboration, and dedication to advancing excellence in patient care, education, and innovation across the hospital.

Mentorship & Professional Contributions

- Dr. Darcy Fehlings – AACPD Mentorship Award (2025). Recognizes outstanding leadership in mentoring trainees and colleagues in developmental medicine, particularly in the areas of cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities.



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

Congratulations!

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:

Caitlyn Hui, Alexandra Kilian

5 Years of Service:

Isaac Martin, Caroline Malcolmson, Alastair Fung, Frances Yeung, Gregory Costain, Elana Miral Barak, Maya Harel-Sterling

10 Years of Service:

Rebecca Levy, Romy Cho, Jennifer Smith, Ashley Vandermorris, Sarah Lord

15 Years of Service:

James Whitlock, Sarah Schwartz

20 Years of Service:

Hosanna Au

25 Years of Service:

Lillian Sung, Trent Mizzi, Elena Pope

30 Years of Service:

Rae Yeung, Melanie Kirby-Allen, Nicola Jones

40 Years of Service:

Jeff Kobayashi



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Sanjay Mahant,
ARC Co-Chair

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Annie Huang,
ARC Co-Chair

ARC Committee Members:

Jabeen Fayyaz

Prakesh Shah

Suzan Williams

Catherine Lim Shue (program support)

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

