

BCCAT is now accepting nominations for the 2016 BCCAT Transfer Awards from colleagues working at a BC post-secondary institution or system agency operating within the BC Transfer System (see bccat.ca/system/membership/).

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The BCCAT Transfer Awards are conferred in recognition of individuals or groups who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in the BC post-secondary system by engaging in activities that have made a significant and valuable contribution to the transfer community. The awards are presented based on evidence of activities demonstrating exceptional commitment to improving transfer and articulation for BC post-secondary students. There are four awards categories, as outlined below.

AWARD CATEGORIES

NOTE: For award categories 1-3 below, at least one award will be granted each year, if suitable nominations are submitted. In exceptional cases, it is possible that additional awards may be granted (up to a maximum of two for each category).

1. LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes an individual or group for demonstrating exemplary leadership that has had a significant and positive impact on advancing the theory and practice of transfer and articulation within the BC Transfer System.

• Eligibility: Individual(s) employed at a BC Transfer System institution or BC post-secondary agency in support of higher education in the province of BC, for a minimum of 5 years.

2. TRANSFER & ARTICULATION COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes an individual or group for their contributions to the BC Transfer System in their role(s) as community leaders and active volunteers in professional service to the broader articulation community. NOTE: A prime example would be an individual serving in an articulation committee, or the committee itself.

• Eligibility: Individual(s) employed at a BC Transfer System institution or BC post-secondary agency in support of higher education in the province of BC.

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3. RISING STAR AWARD

This award recognizes an individual or group of individuals who, while early in their career, demonstrates exceptional leadership and accomplishment in the area of transfer and articulation within the BC Transfer System.

• Eligibility: Individual(s) employed at one or more BC Transfer System institutions or system agencies in support of higher education in the province of BC for the past five years or less.

4. FRANKLIN GELIN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Occasional)

This award recognizes an individual whose long-term contributions and far-reaching impacts have become apparent over a career of commitment to advancing transfer and articulation in the BC post-secondary system. *NOTE: This award will be presented on an occasional basis, and only when outstanding nominations are received.*

• Eligibility: An individual currently or previously employed at one or more BC Transfer System institutions and/or system agencies in support of higher education in the province of BC for eight or more years.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominators are responsible for:

- a) submitting a completed nomination form;
- b) securing two separate endorsements of the nomination, together with their supporting signatures;
- c) contacting the nominee (before submitting) to confirm their willingness to stand.

The nomination process may be initiated independently by a nominator or by a person of the candidate's choice. Self-authored letters of nomination are not accepted.

To nominate a colleague or a group, please return the full nomination package (the form is available at bccat.ca/system/awards by email to awards@bccat.ca by the end of day, Thursday, June 30, 2016. Please include "BCCAT Transfer Awards" in your subject line."

Nominators should indicate clearly the award category under consideration, complete all fields in the nomination form, and ensure that they have understood and agreed to the terms and conditions of the nomination process. In order to keep the selection process fair, any additional documentation (references, resumes, etc.) will be disregarded by the adjudication committee.

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KEY DATES

March 2016	Launch of the 2016 BCCAT Transfer Awards & Call for Nominations
June 30, 2016	Deadline for 2016 award nomination submissions
July-September 2016	Review of nominations and adjudication process
October 7, 2016	Recommendations of the Adjudication Committee are submitted to the Council for review and approval.
November 10, 2016	BCCAT Transfer Awards Ceremony to be held in conjunction with the 2016 Joint Annual Meeting at the Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC. (NOTE: Further details will be posted to bccat.ca/system/awards ; also see bccat.ca/articulation/jam .)

ADJUDICATION, SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

Nominations will be reviewed and adjudicated by a peer representative committee. Members of the committee will be selected by BCCAT to represent those serving in a variety of roles to support transfer and articulation (e.g. senior administrators, faculty, transfer credit support staff, and advisors) and to reflect the diversity of the BC Transfer System.

The adjudication committee will forward recommendations to the Council, and the Council will make the final decisions regarding successful candidates. The adjudication committee reserves the right to consider nominees under different award categories should their candidacy be more suitable than under the award originally nominated. Award winners will be notified shortly after Council deliberations on October 7, 2016. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 in conjunction with the 2016 Joint Annual Meeting.