

OVERVIEW

The *BCCAT Transfer Awards* are conferred in recognition of individuals or groups who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in the BC post-secondary system by working in ways that make 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 three awards categories, as outlined below.

AWARD CATEGORIES

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.*

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. The qualities and contributions under consideration may have been demonstrated in the context of the articulation community or beyond.

- *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 five years.*

Lifetime Achievement Award¹

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.

- *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.*

¹ The *Franklin Gelin Lifetime Achievement Award* is conferred on an occasional basis (normally no more than one per year), when outstanding nominations are received.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominators are responsible for:

- a) submitting a completed nomination form;
- b) securing endorsements from **three** additional colleagues in support of the nomination (one of which should be from the candidate's home institution), and
- 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/about/awards) by email to awards@bccat.ca **by the end of day, Wednesday, August 31, 2023.**

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.

ADJUDICATION, SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

Nominations are reviewed and adjudicated by a peer representative committee. Members of the Awards Committee are 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 Awards Committee forwards recommendations to the Council, and the Council makes the final decisions regarding successful candidates. The Committee reserves the right to consider nominees under different award categories, where seen to be appropriate. In addition, the Committee may choose to contact the nominator or endorsers if further information or clarification is required. Award winners will be notified as soon as possible following the October 2023 meeting of Council. Award winners will be announced and celebrated on in November 2023 (date tbd) in conjunction with the *2023 Joint Annual Meeting*.

KEY DATES

- **Spring 2023** Launch of the *2023 BCCAT Transfer Awards* (and call for nominations)
- **August 31, 2023** Deadline for submission of 2023 Award nominations
- **September 2023** Review of nominations and adjudication process
- **October 2023** Council reviews/approves recommendations of the Awards Committee
- **November 2023** Award winners are announced and celebrated at the *2023 Joint Annual Meeting*.
(See bccat.ca/articulation/jam for details.)