



Ethel Johns Award

Nomination Form 2026

CASN's **Ethel Johns Award** is named after the founding Director of the first university nursing program in Canada. It is given in recognition of distinguished service to nursing education in Canada. CASN has presented this award to outstanding nursing education leaders since 1988. This award is presented annually at the Fall CASN Council meeting.

Eligibility & Criteria

The recipient of the Ethel Johns Award will demonstrate the following characteristics:

Eligibility:

Is a present or former faculty member of a CASN member school. The member must have a current RN registration within the last 12 months.

Criteria:

1. Excellence and Leadership in Nursing Education

Demonstrates sustained leadership and measurable impact in curriculum development, teaching innovation, and/or academic administration. Evidence may include:

- Leading significant curriculum reform or program development initiatives.
- Advancing pedagogical innovation, including integration of emerging educational approaches.
- Mentoring faculty and supporting excellence in teaching and learning.
- Demonstrable improvements in student outcomes, program quality, or academic standards.

2. Scholarly Contribution and Research Impact

Demonstrates a strong record of scholarship that advances nursing education and/or the nursing profession. Evidence may include:

- Research that informs nursing education policy, practice, or curriculum.
- Educational scholarship, knowledge translation, or dissemination at national and/or international levels.
- Supervision and mentorship of graduate students and emerging scholars.
- Contributions that strengthen research capacity within nursing education.

3. Sustained Service and Leadership within CASN and Beyond

Has made substantial and sustained contributions to CASN Council and/or CASN committees and has influenced nursing education at local, national and/or international levels. Evidence may include:

- Leadership in standards development, accreditation, policy initiatives, or strategic planning.
- Representation of CASN within national or global nursing education forums.
- Contributions that advance collaboration and collective leadership in nursing education.

4. Advancement of the Nursing Profession and Educational Excellence

Has demonstrably strengthened the quality, integrity, and future direction of nursing education in Canada. Evidence may include:

- Initiatives that elevate professional standards or enhance the academic reputation of nursing.
- Contributions that bridge education, research, and practice.
- Recognition by peers for distinguished service, integrity, and lasting positive impact on the profession.

CASN is committed to equity and diversity and welcomes nominations of persons across a diversity of gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientations, Indigenous identities, racialized identities, and disabilities and/or neurodivergences.

Please Note:

- All nominations are reviewed based on originality, successful implementation, and potential for wider application.
- Current Board members are excluded from receiving a CASN Award.
- The Awards & Nominations Committee reserves the right to move candidates between categories as required, and at their discretion.

Submission/Nomination Documentation

Individuals must be nominated in writing by a faculty member of any CASN member school. A complete nomination package should include the following:

- Completed & signed *Nomination Form*
- *3 Letters of Support*: Nomination packages include three (3) letters of support, including one from the nominator. The two other letters may be submitted by students, colleagues or individuals outside of your institution. The letters of support should be addressed to CASN's Awards & Nominations Committee. Letters should specifically reference the nominee's achievements and activities related to the award criteria, and identify the individual by name, title, and school/faculty. Additional letters of support will not be accepted.
- A maximum *250-word summary* (in Word format) of why this candidate is best suited for this award. This could include a description of the challenges, innovation, implementation, and

impact of the educational or administrative strategies/approaches of the candidate. Descriptions which exceed 250 words will not be accepted. Note: this summary will be used in the CASN Awards Booklet if the candidate is the selected winner of the award.

Additional supporting documentation such as audio-visual materials, website addresses, manuals, and commendations from the candidate's institution or a partner organization may be included.

Selection Process

The Awards and Nominations Committee will review the nominations and present recommendations to the CASN Board of Directors. Please visit the CASN website (www.casn.ca) for more details.

SECTION ONE

Nominee/Candidate

Surname: _____

Given name(s): _____

Title: _____

Gender pronoun: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing address: _____

_____	_____	_____
City	Province	Postal Code

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Language: English French

Institution Information

Number of nursing faculty: _____ full-time faculty: _____ part-time/sessional faculty: _____

Number of nursing students: _____ Number of nursing programs: _____

List type(s) of nursing program(s):

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SECTION TWO

Educational background (post secondary):

Qualifications Received	Year	School

Relevant work experience:

Relevant professional, committee and/or association experience:

Extra-curricular activities:

CHECKLIST

- Section ONE and TWO of the nomination form have been completed in full.
- I have included THREE letters of support (one from myself and two others from students, colleagues or individuals outside of my institution) that clearly describe the nominee’s accomplishments, leadership and commitments related to this award.
- I have included a maximum 250-word summary of why this candidate is best suited for this award (in a separate WORD document).
- I have included a recent high-definition photo of the nominee.
- I have completed the nominator information and signed the nomination form below.
- The nominee/candidate has signed the nomination form below.

* Nominations that are incomplete (missing information or documentation) will be considered ineligible and will not be reviewed by the Awards and Nominations Committee.

NOMINATOR

Surname: _____

Given name(s): _____

Title: _____

Gender pronoun: _____

Institution: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Language: English French

SIGNATURES

_____ Signature of Nominee	_____ Name of Nominee	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Nominator	_____ Name of Nominator	_____ Date

Please submit your nomination package by email to
Sharada Boucher-Sharma, Strategic Operations Coordinator at: awards@casn.ca

DEADLINE: 12:00 p.m. (noon) ET on Wednesday, June 17th, 2026

You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 2 business days of submission.
If you do not receive the confirmation, please contact us.