



## **WiCS-Canada Mentorship Award**

The WiCS-Canada Mentorship Award is designed to encourage established scientists of all genders to develop the research and publication skills of women graduate and undergraduate students in cognitive science. The award honours a Canadian Cognitive Scientist who has demonstrated sustained, effective mentorship of women students, who has also served as a research advisor or supervisor to one or more women students during the academic year immediately preceding the nomination, and for whom there is evidence of going over and above typical mentorship activities to support women students in cognitive science.

### **Award Information**

#### Nomination deadline:

5 PM ET on March 31, 2023

#### Use of Award:

Award funds (\$1000/awardee) should be used to fund a woman trainee of the mentor to travel to (where feasible) or participate in a workshop, a colleague's lab, or a conference.

#### Basic award criteria:

1. Each nominee must have served as a research advisor/supervisor to a total of three or more women graduate and/or undergraduate students over at least three of the five academic years preceding the nomination. If the nominee is at an institution that has a graduate program, at least one of the three women students must be a graduate student.
2. The research in which the women students participated must have led to dissemination through submission for publication or through presentation at a scientific meeting.
3. Nominees must agree to attend the 2023 CSBBCS meeting, particularly if they win the award.
4. This CSBBCS funding is limited to Canadian Cognitive Scientists who are current members of CSBBCS.

#### Additional evaluation criteria:

Effectiveness of the nominee's mentoring activities as evaluated by the women students mentored. Evidence of effective mentoring of more than one women graduate student and/or women post-doctoral fellow will be considered favorably for nominees at institutions where such opportunities exist. Nominations should highlight mentorship activities that go over and above typical mentorship

activities to support women students, and students with intersectional identities, in cognitive science.

Who may make a nomination:

Nominations may be made by the nominee's colleagues, or by current or former students. Self-nominations will NOT be accepted.

Information to be provided in the nomination:

1. Name, title, address, phone number, and email address of nominee
2. Name, title, address, phone number, and email address of nominator
3. List of at least three women graduate and/or undergraduate students for whom the nominee has served as a research advisor or supervisor

For each student, please provide:

- a) name,
- b) current contact information (including phone number and email address whenever possible),
- c) graduate or undergraduate status during the mentoring period,
- d) role in research project (e.g., honours student, independent study student, research assistant, MA/Ph.D. thesis student, etc.), and
- e) bibliographic reference to submitted publication or scientific meeting presentation resulting from the research.

4. Description (not to exceed 500 words) of the nominee's record of mentoring of women students. This may include, but is not limited to, information about such activities over a career or periods longer than the minimum period above. It may also provide information on outcomes (e.g., graduate school admissions, job placements, etc.) for mentored women students, and activities that go beyond typical mentorship contributions.

All nominations should be submitted electronically to the WiCS-Canada [email: wicscanada@gmail.com](mailto:wicscanada@gmail.com) (subject heading = "2023 Mentorship Award")

Questions may be addressed to the Chairperson of the Selection Committee at the WiCS-Canada email.

Selection Committee Chair: Dr. Chris Oriet

Winners will be notified on or around May 15, 2023. Winners will be honoured at a ceremony at the 2023 Women in Cognitive Science – Canada Annual Meeting at CSBBCS, which is scheduled to be held on the first day of the CSBBCS Conference, July 17, 2023. Funding for this program is provided by CSBBCS.

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