

Vanier Medal 2025

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Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC)

Description

First presented in 1962, the Institute of Public Administration awards the Vanier Medal as a mark of distinction and exceptional achievement to a person who has shown distinctive leadership in public administration and public service in Canada, or who has made a significant contribution in the field of public administration or public service in Canada.

Georges Vanier, then Governor General of Canada, consented to have the medal known as "The Vanier Medal of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada." This award is given annually to an individual with long-term, dedicated service in the field of public administration.

Eligibility

- The award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions to public administration, public management and public policy in Canada, whether in the federal, provincial, territorial, municipal, Indigenous or academic spheres.
- Service in any field of public administration, public management and public policy, whether it is administrative or of a more specialized professional nature, should be considered to be relevant. The contributions should, however, be related to public administration, public management and public policy as opposed to purely scientific or technical work.
- Executive members of the Institute, whether national or regional, regardless of the nature of their achievements in or contributions to the field of public administration in Canada, will not be considered eligible to receive the award while holding office in the Institute or during the year following retirement from office. Past presidents are not eligible until after five years of their term of office as president.
- Persons actively engaged in politics or currently holding a political position, although they may have shown distinctive leadership in public administration or have made outstanding contributions thereto, will not be considered eligible, to maintain the independence and impartiality of the Institute.
- All nominations remain eligible for consideration for a period of three years, including the year of nomination.

Prize

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) awards annually a gold medal as a mark of distinction and exceptional achievement to a Canadian who, in the opinion of a panel of independent judges, has shown throughout their career distinctive leadership in public administration in Canada, or who, by his or her writings or other endeavors, has made a significant contribution in the field of public administration in Canada through public service, academic study or knowledge leadership.

IPAC will confer awards at the 2025 Annual Conference in Halifax from September 10-12, 2025.

Special Notes

Nominated individuals must be able and willing to provide an insightful lecture at a future IPAC event.

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Monday, April 28, 2025 - 10:59pm	Please submit the nomination directly to the IPAC web page by the external deadline. Please also submit a copy of the full nomination to research.services@uoguelph.ca by the external deadline.

How to Apply

Nominations must be submitted online, using the application form provided on the [IPAC website](#) by the external deadline. Please also submit a full copy of the nomination to research.services@uoguelph.ca by the external deadline.

For More Information

For more information contact ailsakay@uoguelph.ca or see the [Vanier Medal website](#) and the [IPAC Awards Nomination Process 2025](#).

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