2023 Governor General’s Innovation Awards Nomination Criteria

A) Nomination Summary

As per the Call for Nominations, the Governor General’s Innovation Awards will be given to individuals, teams, and/or organizations whose innovations are truly exceptional, transformative, and positive in their impact on the quality of life in Canada.

An expert, merit-review adjudication process will be used to select award winners. Please provide a summary explaining the nature, significance, and impact of the nominee’s innovation or innovative activities (maximum 500 characters including spaces).

B) Selection Criteria

In order to fully inform the merit-review adjudication please address the following:

1. Inspiration – How does the process leading to this innovation, its implementation and its developer(s) inspire future innovators in Canada?

2. Leadership – How did the nominee(s) demonstrate leadership in their work? Discuss evidence of initiative, collaboration, risk-taking and problem-solving in the process of developing and implementing the innovation (maximum 2000 characters, including spaces).

3. Impact – Does the innovation in question have a positive effect in the world? Describe the successful implementation of the innovation in the sector, economy, society or culture, and the role of the nominee(s) in that implementation.
   • If possible, please quantify the impact. For example, a nominee(s) may have created a B Corporation to market the innovation and realize social benefits at the same time, with sales of this amount and this number of persons assisted (maximum 2000 characters, including spaces).
   • If the innovation is not commercialized, or if impact is not easily quantifiable, please use qualitative data and/or storytelling to demonstrate the transformative impact.