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. *(maximum 2000 characters, including spaces).*
   - **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
   - **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.