



COMPONENTS OF A COMPELLING NOMINATION PACKAGE

At the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, we envision a Canada that honours our medical heroes – those of the past, present and future. Our mission is to recognize and celebrate Canadian heroes, whose work has advanced health, thereby inspiring the pursuit of careers in health sciences.

While a significant proportion of our current Laureates were primarily inducted as scientists, other paths are equally valued for induction into the CMHF. The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame seeks to be representative of the full breadth of health leadership and excellence in research, clinical care, illness prevention (public health), education and health administration.

Many Canadians have done great things that contribute to the overall improvement of health and health care in our country and the world but only six will be honoured annually by induction into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

The Selection Committee comprises Canadian leaders in medical and other health professions at arms' length from the CMHF Board of Directors. All nominations are reviewed by the staff and Selection Committee for completion, inspiration, impact, authenticity and compelling persuasion to induction.

Considerations when preparing your nomination package:

1. The Selection Committee is instructed by the Board to limit their consideration of a candidate to the components of the Nomination Package received, and not based on their personal knowledge of the candidate. For this reason, a well written nomination letter that *persuasively articulates the full impact* made by the individual is a critical component of the package.
2. **Time and Planning:** A quality nomination of this caliber cannot be rushed – we recommend you allow ample time to complete a competitive nomination, reviewing and restating to achieve a submission that does justice to your candidate.
3. **Letters of Support:** Careful thought should be given to required letters of support.
 - a. Consider who among all possible supporters are the most compelling, credible and authentically moved by the nominee's achievements to write meaningfully about it, and have the skills to create such a letter.
 - b. Avoid "form-type" support letters; i.e., a perfunctory listing of achievements. Rather, seek a genuine and sincere testimony of the nominee's achievements and qualifications.
 - c. Allow enough time for a supporter to carefully create the letter – a rushed nomination frequently results in too little time to craft a genuine and thoughtful testimony. **Note: A maximum of two support letters** and no more than six (6) additional pages of support documentation will be forwarded to the Selection Committee. Note: Each Letter of Support can be signed by more than one supporter.
4. **Citation:** Spend time and energy developing the citation. While this is limited to a paragraph (approx. 250 words) it is an opportunity to express *in a convincing and compelling way* how the nominee's impact meets the category criteria and why they should be singled out among others.

Note: Documentation in excess of the above will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee.

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