

Call for Nominations: 2024 Thermo Fisher Scientific Award

Object of Award: The Fisher Scientific Award is given to stimulate and recognize new researchers in the microbiological sciences.

Eligibility: By the deadline of the award application date, applicants must be members of the CSM/SCM. They must also be **EITHER (1)** no more than 5 years from their first independent research position **or (2)** no more than 10 years from their last degree in the field of Microbiology or a related science.

Eligible leaves of absence (e.g., parental leave, medical leave, bereavement) taken during the period of eligibility will be credited as twice the amount of time taken. The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to research or to the development of the discipline for which the award is made and must still be actively engaged in this work.

Award Lecture: The award winner will present a 40 minute talk on the research for which the award was given during the Annual Conference. This year the Conference will be held at Western University from June 23 to June 26, 2024. The award winner has to provide a review of the talk for submission in the Canadian Journal of Microbiology (CJM) which is published by the Canadian Science Publishing. The award consists of a cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 and an inscribed award scroll which will be presented after the lecture presentation. **Travel expenses incidental to receiving the award are not reimbursed.**

Nomination Process: Two letters of nomination from qualified microbiologists not closely associated with the nominee are required (letters from thesis supervisors, PDF supervisors, manuscript co-authors and family members will not be accepted). These letters must describe the specific contribution the individual has made. In addition, a curriculum vitae should be supplied. The curriculum vitae should include detailed bibliographical data pertaining to education honours and experience, verified degree dates and a list of publications. All materials should be submitted by e-mail to the CSM Secretariat: info@csm-scm.org.

The Nomination Deadline is January 19th, 2024.

Method of Selection: The Award Review Committee will comprise three members of the CSM Council (Past-President, Meetings Secretary, Education Committee Chairperson) and two Editors of the Canadian Journal of Microbiology. The Award committee will review the nominations and select the recipient of the award. It is understood that should there be no qualified candidate in any given year, the award will not be granted. Unsuccessful nominations from previous years may be nominated.

Previous Recipients of the Fisher Scientific Award:

2023 Jennifer Geddes-McAlister	2014 Catherine Paradis-Bleau	2006 David Heinrichs	1996 Keith Poole
2022 Laura Hug	2013 Josh Neufeld	2005 Charles Dozois	1995 J.R. Lawrence
2021 César de la Fuente	2012 Brian Coombes	2004 Lyle Whyte	1994 Michael F. Hynes
2020 John Whitney	2011 Mariela Segura	2003 François Jean	1993 Mario Jacques
2019 Joe Harrison	2010 Steve Hallam	2002 Roberta Fulthorpe	1991 B. Brett Finlay
2018 Andrew Doxey	2009 John Brumell	2001 Marcelo Gottschalk	1990 Reggie Y.C. Lo
2017 Étienne Yergeau	2008 John McCormick	2000 Michael G. Surette	1989 Joseph Lam
2016 Cezar Khursigara	2007 Fiona Brinkman	1997 Richard Belanger	1988 Mike Dubow
2015 Sean Crowe			1987 Pierre Talbot

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