



Ontario Association of
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OAMRS Awards

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OAMRS Awards

Each year, OAMRS provides the opportunity to its members to showcase their expertise and innovation through an awards nomination process. Members in good standing with both the OAMRS and CMRITO are invited to submit nominations for seven awards. The Awards Committee is comprised of professionals within the medical radiation sciences profession and are selected by OAMRS executive for a three-year, voluntary term. Nominations are reviewed by the committee and judged based on a select criteria. The Awards Committee anonymously votes and chooses an award winner in six categories (the seventh award is voted on by the membership and confirmed by the Awards Committee.)

An Awards Gala is held each year (unless due to unforeseen circumstances, at which point alternative methods of recognition will be determined) to recognize the award winners and celebrate their commitment and dedication to the medical radiation sciences profession.



Awards Description and Criteria

Medical Radiation Sciences Practitioner of the Year

This is OAMRS' most prestigious award. It is awarded to a practitioner in recognition of outstanding service, professional achievement and significant contribution that influences and benefits the profession. The recipient demonstrates the qualities of a leader and upholds the highest professional and patient care standards in their practice.

Criteria and Eligibility

The nominee is a MRT/Sonographer who has been a full practice member in good standing with the OAMRS for 10 years or more.

The nominee has demonstrated a sustained commitment to the profession by acting as a leader and role model and by demonstrating expertise and innovation. The Medical Radiation Sciences Practitioner of the Year has made a significant contribution to the profession in one or more of the following:

- Patient care
- Instrumental in creating innovative practices
- Mentoring, training and educating colleagues
- Building the stature, profile and reputation of the profession
- Interprofessional collaboration
- Research
- Community outreach and volunteering
- Advocacy



Mary F. Cameron Leadership Award

Honouring the memory of the association founder, Mary F. Cameron, this prestigious award is presented to the practitioner who best embodies leadership. The recipient is a MRT and/or Sonographer who has made a tremendous impact through selfless devotion to their practice. This award is not only for managers and directors, but for individuals who have earned the respect of their coworkers with their pioneering spirit and willingness to push the envelope to better serve patients, coworkers and/or contribute to the success of their department/organization and/or reputation of the profession.

Criteria and Eligibility

The nominee is a MRT/Sonographer who has been a member in good standing with OAMRS for five years or more.

Nominees will demonstrate their exceptional contribution to their profession with one or more of the following:

- Mentoring, training and educating colleagues
- Modelling best practices
- Volunteering and community work
- Development and/or implementation of innovative procedures which leads to improving the patient experience
- Leading a team to achieve exceptional results
- Building a clinic which incorporates best practices and delivers great healthcare and experience



Unsung Hero Award

This Unsung Hero Award exemplifies the spirit of the profession. The recipient is a person who, through their hard work and selflessness, goes above and beyond what is asked of them. The Unsung Hero is the MRT/Sonographer who performs exceptional deeds and deserves to be recognized.

Criteria and Eligibility

The nominee is a MRT and/or Sonographer who has been a member in good standing with the OAMRS.

The nominee acts as a role model by demonstrating compassion and inspires others through their commitment and hard work. The Unsung Hero Award is for the person that has made a significant sacrifice and contribution to the profession in one or more of the following:

- Patient advocacy
- “Go-to-person” who does the little things to get the job done right
- Mentoring, training and educating colleagues
- Demonstrating empathy and compassion
- Altruism and selflessness that support their patients’, co-workers’ and organization’s best interest
- Community outreach and volunteering



The Patient Care Award

The Patient Care Award honours the exceptional contributions of an individual or team that has demonstrated leadership, innovation and or exemplary results in aspects of patient care. This award recognizes the meaningful contributions of individuals and teams for acts of caring and compassion that go above and beyond the call of duty. The winner is chosen by a members' vote.

This award may be self-nominated. Preference will be given to a nominee who supplies testimonials and letters of reference from patients, staff, partners, community members and collaborating health professionals.

Criteria and Eligibility

The nominee is an MRT/Sonographer who is a member in good standing with the OAMRS. For a team nomination, at least one member must be an OAMRS member.

Nominations must indicate the impact on the nominee's patients from one or more of the following areas:

- Raising awareness and implementing best practices to achieve exceptional patient care
- Delivering outstanding service and patient experience
- Collaboration with other organizations and healthcare professionals
- Educating and promoting patient-centred care to advance the profession
- Inspiring others and having a profound and lasting impact
- Development of patient-centred models of care that hold up as a template or inspiration to others

This award is given to the nominee who earns the most votes from their fellow members. All eligible nominees will be given fair and equal chance to promote their candidacy through OAMRS communications (Filter, website, etc.). All OAMRS members in good standing will be given the opportunity to vote once for the candidate they deem most worthy. To ensure impartiality, voting will be tallied anonymously through online voting software.



Recent Graduate Award

This award recognizes a recent graduate from an accredited Canadian MRT/Sonographer program who demonstrates outstanding promise and/or achievement in their clinical placement and/or program. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated success transitioning from school into practice as well as a commitment to enhancing the profession of the MRT/Sonography profession.

Criteria and Eligibility

The recipient of the award is a registered MRT/Sonographer who has graduated within the last 36 months and who is a member in good standing with OAMRS. The recipient will have demonstrated exceptional contributions in one or more of the following areas:

- Contributing to the development of innovative and patient-centred models of care
- Delivering exceptional patient care
- Leadership through mentoring or modelling best practices
- Community outreach and volunteering
- Building collaborations with other healthcare providers
- Contributing to organizational/departmental success
- Promoting the profession



Student Award

This award recognizes a current full-time student in an accredited Canadian MRT/ Sonographer Program who demonstrates outstanding achievement and contribution to the profession, student leadership and academics.

Criteria and Eligibility

The recipient of this award will be a student member in good standing with OAMRS. The recipient will have demonstrated capacity for student leadership by making significant contributions to his/her school and/or community in one or more of the following areas:

- Excellent academic standing (>80% average)
- Demonstrating student leadership through collaboration with classmates
- Contributing to and promoting the medical radiation sciences profession
- Creating and/or implementing programs and activities that support the profession

Each submission must be accompanied by the following:

- An endorsement by a teacher who provides an anecdotal description (maximum 500 words) of the student's contributions to student leadership in his/her school and/or community, and why he/she is deserving of a student leadership award
- An official or unofficial transcript showing a current academic standing of over 80%



Team Award

The Team Award is presented to a team that has made significant contributions to the profession, their organization, or to the quality of patient care. The award recognizes teams that embrace quality service by developing innovative approaches that bring about sustainable improvement. This award is your organization's opportunity to celebrate your team's creativity, hard work and success.

This award may be self-nominated. Preference will be given to a nominee who supplies testimonials and letters of reference from patients, staff, partners, community members and collaborating health professionals.

Criteria and Eligibility

A team is loosely defined as group of people that work together to deliver service and / or results. A team may include, but is not limited to, coworkers, peers and/or members of the public. Teams may consist of anyone within your organization or group of organizations and may be interprofessional.

At least one nominee (an individual or a member of the team) must be a full practicing member in good standing with the OAMRS. This person would accept the award on behalf of the nominated team.

Nominees have made a significant contribution in enhancing the reputation, service and/or credibility of the organization through one or more of the following:

- Development of high efficiency and morale within team and/or organization
- Innovative service
- Development or implementation of successful program
- Public education
- Public outreach or volunteering
- Patient care and experience
- Collaboration



+ OAMRS Awards Nomination Eligibility

All award nominees may only be considered for an award when they meet the following criteria:

- All nominees must be members in good standing with the OAMRS and CMRITO, meaning the following:
 - Payment for membership and/or OAMRS activities are not outstanding
 - No current or outstanding complaints have been filed against the nominee, and the nominee is in good standing with CMRITO
 - At least one person from a Team Award nomination must be in good standing with both the OAMRS and CMRITO
- Nominees may not be a current member of the Awards Committee for which they are nominated.
- Nominees may not be employees of OAMRS or CAMRT, nor may they be current members of their Board of Directors.
- Award recipients agree to participate in OAMRS events and other communication opportunities including in-person speaking, webinars, attendance at other events, writing article/blog for OAMRS, etc. as may be requested. The minimum commitment for the year is three hours. Recipients of the Medical Radiation Sciences Practitioner of the Year, Mary F. Cameron awards may expect additional commitment.
- Nominees must submit at least two supporting references that may be received from colleagues and/or employers (or classmates or academic instructors in the case of the Student and Recent Graduate Awards).
- Nominees must not have received any OAMRS award within two or more consecutive years. The only exception is that members of a Team Award in prior years may be nominated for individual awards in future years.
- Due to the distinctive and special nature of each award, OAMRS reserves the right not to select a recipient in any or all award categories.

Selection Process

1. The OAMRS Awards Committee will review nominees and select a recipient for the following awards:
 - Medical Radiation Sciences Practitioner of the Year
 - Mary F. Cameron Award
 - Recent Graduate Award
 - Team Award
 - Student Award
 - Unsung Hero Award

2. The Patient Care Award is a Members' choice award and will be decided by a Member Vote. Members of the OAMRS Awards Committee may vote for a Patient Care nominee.
3. The OAMRS Awards Committee will receive nominations and any supporting documentation prior to the voting meeting. It is expected that Committee members will review materials and have any questions satisfied before the meeting. Committee members may contact the Director, Membership and Marketing for questions relating to the submissions.
4. Members of the Committee will vote anonymously for nominees within each category.
5. Confidentiality of award winners will be maintained by Committee members until the nominees and nominators have been notified, and communications has been issued to the membership.

# of years membership with OAMRS (minimum)	Award category
10 years	Medical Radiation Sciences Practitioner of the Year
5 years	Mary F. Cameron Award
<3 years from graduation date	Recent Graduate Award
Active full-time Students	Student Award
Available to all OAMRS members	Unsung Hero Award Patient Care Award Team Award

