



The Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, strives to benefit society through equal commitment to exemplary patient care, education and the discovery and advancement of knowledge. We aim to create and maintain a learning and research environment of national and international stature, enabling our graduates and us to serve the health needs of the Maritime Provinces and Canada.

Every day, faculty, staff, and students of the Medical School do outstanding work for health-related organizations and causes; things that make a difference in the community. These people exemplify the Medical School's mission statement.

The Dr. Allan Cohen Memorial Award for Community Service honors the late Dr. Allan Cohen, a distinguished member of Dalhousie Medical School. This award recognizes faculty, staff, and students who work to fulfill the mission of the Medical School by displaying outstanding community service with health-related organizations and causes.

Dr. Cohen was head of the Division of Nephrology in the Department of Medicine at the Victoria General Hospital. A Nephrologist of national stature, Dr. Cohen helped place Dalhousie and the Victoria General Hospital at the forefront of dialysis and kidney transplantation.

Dr. Cohen was a well-respected physician and teacher whose commitment to the health field went beyond the hospital and the classroom; he was an active member in a number of health-related organizations and causes. Dr. Cohen served on several committees as well as numerous local and national medical organizations and sub-specialty societies. His contributions to religious and cultural organizations were no less significant. From president of the Canadian Society of Nephrology to head of the Division of Nephrology in the Department of Medicine, Dr. Cohen brought a special presence to his many roles.

The Dr. Allan Cohen Memorial Award was established in 1995 to honor Dr. Cohen for his achievements and to annually recognize a student, staff or faculty member who dedicates him or herself to making a difference in society.

The annual award is open to all faculty, staff and students. Nominations can be submitted [here](#), no later than **March 11, 2026**. Recipients will be notified by May 1, 2026 and announced publicly at the Faculty of Medicine Annual Faculty meeting in June 2026.

You will be asked for the following nomination information:

- Name of Nominee
- Department/Unit
- Contact Information
- Contact Information of Nominator
- A summary of no more than 250 words stating why you feel the nominee is deserving of this award.

Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered

The Dr. Allan Cohen Memorial Award for Community Service Award Recipients

2025	Dr. Abraham (Rami) Rudnick	2019	Dr. Heather Scott
2024	Dr. Aruna Dhara	2018	Dr. Sonia Chehil
2023	Dr. Nicholas Giacomantonio	2017	Dr. Dan Boudreau
2022	Dr. Selene Etches	2016	Dr. John Fraser
2021	Dr. Lisa Barrett	2016	Mr. Henry Annan
2020	Dr. Sarah Shea		