



CANADIAN NETWORK OF SCIENTIFIC PLATFORMS (CNSP)
RÉSEAU CANADIEN DES PLATEFORMES SCIENTIFIQUES (RCPS)

CNSP Platform Scientist/Administrator Awards

The CNSP is pleased to offer 6 awards for **outstanding platform scientists or administrators** from across Canada. Research infrastructure at Canadian institutions is only as good as the expert scientists who provide support to use it to its full potential, and the administrators who ensure open access, streamlined use and stewardship of these publicly funded resources. The CNSP will honour exceptional scientists/administrators who enable cutting edge research through support of state-of-the-art infrastructure.

The award will consist of free registration for the CNSP Scientific Platforms Meeting (SPM 2020) in Toronto at the BMO Centre at Toronto Western Hospital from June 9-11, 2020, a \$250 cash prize and \$400 in travel support for platform scientists/administrators from outside the greater Toronto area. Award winners will have an opportunity to present themselves and their platform(s) with both a short oral presentation and a poster presentation at the SPM 2020.

The SPM will give award winners an opportunity to share their experience with the Canadian community, hear about national and international scientific platform initiatives and participate in engaging discussions on measuring success, maximizing return on scientific infrastructure investment and sustaining scientific platforms long term. Winners will also gain an opportunity to meet their peers, network with key stakeholders, build capacity in their personal scientific platform network and return to their institutions with new and stimulating ideas.

Application process: Anyone working primarily within a scientific platform or assigned a role linked to scientific platforms within a Canadian institution that consists of more than 75% of their active duty is eligible. Applicants can be self nominated. A complete application, CV and support letter must be submitted electronically before **11:59 pm on March 15, 2020** to cnsp.rcps@gmail.com and must include:

- 1) A **maximum one-page statement** of the importance of the applicant's role as a platform scientist/administrator, their contribution to the platform's success and how attending the SPM 2020 will benefit their platform(s). Submit the statement as a pdf file with the filename:

ApplicantFirstName_ApplicantLastName_Application.pdf



- 2) A **maximum two-page CV** including the applicants current position and their role in the platform or institution. Submit the CV as a pdf file with the filename:
ApplicantFirstName_ApplicantLastName_CV.pdf
- 3) A **maximum one-page letter of support** from someone with the ability to assess the impact/importance of the applicant's contribution to the platform. For example, a major facility user, applicant's supervisor or colleague. When providing support letters mentors are encouraged to use specific examples to support the comments. A letter of support should be saved as a pdf file and submitted directly by the letter writer to cnsp.rcps@gmail.com with the following filename:
ApplicantFirstName_ApplicantLastName_Support_Letter.pdf

Selection Criteria: Diversity and inclusion will be considered during the award selection process. The applications will be judged by a panel of platform scientists/administrators by the following selection criteria:

- **Suitability:** Applicant must be in an appropriate position and the application must be complete.
- **Impact:** Applicant's impact on the success of the platform(s).
- **Dissemination:** Impact of the awardee attending SPM 2020 on the platform(s).
- **Strength of the Letter of support:** Enthusiasm of the sponsor and/or mentor.

NOTE:

- Award winners are **required** to attend the SPM 2020.
- Awards will be distributed at the SPM 2020.
- Proof of travel expenses in excess of \$400 will be required.
- The language of the SPM 2020 will be English, so the oral presentation and poster must be in English.
- Applications can be submitted in French.