

Award of Merit Award

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists acknowledges significant contributions to the profession by occupational therapists and non-occupational therapists through its prestigious service award called the Award of Merit. Nominations for this Award will be considered annually but the Award will be made only when recognition is merited in accordance with stated criteria.

Criteria for selection

Nominations must meet the following criteria:

1. Nominees' achievements shall be in one or more of the following:

- Significant accomplishment or contribution to occupational therapy in one or more of the following areas:
 - clinical activities
 - education
 - publications
 - research
 - administration
- Significant accomplishment or contribution in:
 - promotion/representation of occupational therapy
 - service to international/national/provincial occupational therapy organizations
- Significant accomplishment or contribution to the development of the profession of occupational therapy within areas such as:
 - post secondary education
 - government policy
 - health promotion
 - community service
 - prevention
 - delivery of health and social services

2. Nominees must not be a current Board member or employee of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists

3. Nominees need not be a resident in Canada if the achievements for which they are nominated have relevance to Canadian occupational therapy and they meet the other criteria for the award