O’Brien Institute Societal Impact Award

The O’Brien Institute Societal Impact Award is presented to an individual or team at any stage of their career who has made an outstanding contribution in the past year toward a discrete health-related impact on society. The O’Brien Institute Societal Impact Award is open to all full-time members within the O’Brien Institute for Public Health. No individual may be awarded the prize more than once. Recipients will receive a prize of $2000 and a commemorative certificate at an O’Brien Institute Event. The winner will have an opportunity to be nominated for other Internal and External award opportunities.

Criteria for the Award:
Candidates must have demonstrated significant advancement towards a health-related impact to society in the past calendar year (2019) in at least one of the following domains:

- Synthesis, dissemination, and exchange activities (i.e. Knowledge Translation);
- Communication and outreach activities;
- Policy and practice improvements;
- Identification of a health problem or issue;
- Other appropriate contributions.

Submissions will be assessed on the:
- Appropriateness of the initiative for the stated objective and audience;
- Engagement of relevant stakeholders;
- Extent to which the described initiative has impacted and will continue to impact policy or practice;
- Importance of the impact on health or healthcare.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS is June 21st, 2020 (11:59pm MT). Nominations should be submitted to the O’Brien Institute in the following format:

- One copy in pdf or word sent electronically to iph@ucalgary.ca;

Applicants will be informed confidentially by the Selection Committee in July 2020 and the public announcement will take place at an O’Brien Institute event in the fall of 2020.

The recipient(s) of the award will be expected to participate in a public lecture or research event for the O’Brien Institute, contribute a Research Impact Assessment to a Narrative Repository being developed by the Institute, and serve on the selection committee for adjudicating the award in the following year.
Nomination Package:

1. Signed letter of nomination from a member of the O’Brien Institute, outlining the nominee(s), the initiative, and the initiative’s significance, benefits or impacts.

2. Maximum three letters of reference may accompany the nomination package. It is recommended that a short biographical note for each referee also be included.

Please note that the Tri-Council’s guidelines regarding Conflict of Interest shall apply. (Please see: https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/46378.html)