

**Libin Cardiovascular Institute**  
**Researcher of the Year Award**

1. **Name** – The award is currently not named but could be in the future to recognize the contributions of an inspiring Libin Institute member.
  
2. **Purpose-** To recognize an individual on a yearly basis who has made outstanding research contributions to the Libin Cardiovascular Institute, and by doing so has represented the Cumming School of Medicine, the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services at the highest level. The award will enhance engagement of our members and honor outstanding work.
  
3. **Criteria for the Award** – The recipient will be a primary member of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute. Excellence in research productivity or academic innovation will be the driving force behind the award. This goal can be achieved by activity in the delivery of:
  - a. Outstanding published research that is highly impactful
  - b. Research collaboration that leads to new funding opportunities for members
  - c. Mentorship and training of students at all levels
  - d. National or international research leadership
  - e. Translational discoveries that change care delivery
  
4. **Term of Appointment** – The award will be for one year based on work done in the preceding two calendar year. The award will be presented at the annual Libin Research Day (March-April) and again at the Department of Cardiac Sciences annual awards dinner (June).
  
5. **Selection Process** – A call for nominations will occur by January 15th of each year. The deadline for applications will be February 15th. The nomination package will consist of a letter of support each from a primary and secondary nominator. A copy of the candidates CV and pertinent published papers will also need to accompany the application. The selection committee will adjudicate the applications my March 15<sup>th</sup> each year:
  - The Deputy Institute Director – Chair
  - Libin Institute Director
  - O'Brien Institute Director (or delegate)
  - Director of Science Education
  - Operations Director – Libin
  - Research Coordinator - Libin
  - Three senior Libin Institute researchers spanning all pillars of research – rotate every 2 years unless nominated themselves

- One PhD student
- One PDF

A voting system will be based on a score from each judge out of 100. The criteria will be awarded as: a) research publications in the previous 2 years – quality -50 points, b) current peer reviewed grant funding - 20 points, c) innovation in any domain (teaching, mentorship, quality, program development) – 10 points, d) Libin based activities – 15 points and e) team based aspect of research – 5 points . In addition to total score, the ranking of each candidate by each judge will also be incorporated into the final decision. The committee will reach a consensus based on the objective criteria.

6. **Award** – The award will be a permanent keep-sake to recognize the significance of the honor. This will be kept within the Department trophy case and contain the names of all winners going forward. A small award will be given to each recipient and presented at the annual research day. Funding for the award will come from Institute funds or if the award is named, then an endowment from that gift.

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