THE W. GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION
NORTHERN SCIENCE & KNOWLEDGE

Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies

WESTON FAMILY PRIZE FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN NORTHERN RESEARCH

Nomination Guidelines

The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies is seeking nominees for the *Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Northern Research*, an award that recognizes a significant contribution and broad impact of a career devoted to Northern research by an individual who has demonstrated leadership, inspiration, and mentorship in research in the Canadian north. The recipient will receive a $50,000 cash prize.

The *Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Northern Research* will also have a research fellowship component. The recipient of the *Prize* will be asked to select a deserving student or postdoctoral fellow who demonstrates exceptional promise in northern research. The successful candidate will receive $50,000 and an allowance of up to $5,000 for eligible travel to work with the recipient of the *Prize* in support of his/her area of research. The *Weston Family Prize* also includes $10,000 to foster a mutually-beneficial collaboration with local Inuit and/or Indigenous community members that will include economic and knowledge benefits for the community.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be presently active in and demonstrate a sustained program of northern research in the natural sciences
- Posthumous or self-nominations will not be accepted
- An individual may win the prize only once, and may not win the prize if they are sitting on the Adjudication Committee
- Nominees must be citizens or permanent residents of Canada, for five years, at the time of nomination

Nomination Process

- Nominations may be made by an individual or group of individuals.
- Only nomination forms submitted through the website by **January 31, 2019** at 11:59 pm (Eastern Standard Time) will be accepted. Please note that you cannot save your work in the forms provided. Once your application is submitted, you will receive an application number, for your reference.
- The following is required when submitting a nomination for the *Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Northern Research*:

1. *Nomination Letter* (up to five pages), which must provide:
    - the name, current position, and affiliation of the nominee and of the person(s) submitting the nomination;
    - description of the nominee's contributions to northern research, including advancement and application of knowledge in her/his field
    - indication of the significance of the nominee's lifetime contributions and how they relate to one or more of the following:
        - implications of the research for public policy or management
        - involvement with and impacts on northern communities
        - integration of natural and social sciences concerned with the north
        - commitment to interdisciplinary and collaborative research
        - consideration of indigenous knowledge

2. *Nominee's curriculum vita*
    - This should be obtained from the nominee and be in one of the standard NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR formats

3. *Letters of support from as many as five, arm's length referees*.
    - Solicited by the nominator(s)
    - May include former (>5 years) students or colleagues
    - May include academic, government and industry staff and administration; community members; colleagues

- Letters of support must be **dated and signed**, and include the following:
    - referee's name, position, affiliation, e-mail address and telephone number
    - nominee's name and the period of time and capacity in which the referee has known the nominee.
    - overall assessment of the nominee's accomplishments and impact in their northern research

Nominations will be reviewed based on the significance and impact of each candidate’s contribution to northern research. A distinguished committee with extensive experience in the North will review the nominations and recommend the prize winner. Please note that the applications are reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee; technical language should be kept to a minimum. The award recipient will be identified in the spring of 2019, with the prize awarded in the fall at a special ceremony. Only the successful candidate will be notified. The successful candidate must be willing to personally attend an award ceremony as well as speaking or press engagements as required.