



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

CNSP Platform Scientist/Administrator/Director Awards 2021 Edition

This year, the CNSP is pleased to offer **5 awards for outstanding platform scientists or administrators** and **1 award for outstanding platform scientific director** 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, the administrators who ensure open access, streamlined use and stewardship of these publicly funded resources, and the scientific directors who bring leadership, vision and recognition within the institution, nationally and internationally. The CNSP will honour exceptional platform scientists/administrators and scientific directors who enable cutting edge research through support of state-of-the-art infrastructure. Results of the 2020 edition are available at cnsp-rcps.ca/awards/.

The award will consist of a 1-year membership in the CNSP including free registration for the 2021 Virtual Scientific Platforms Meeting (SPM 2021) from June 15-17, 2021 and a \$250 cash prize. Award winners will have an opportunity to present themselves and their platform(s) with an oral presentation at the SPM 2021.

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 impact, maximizing return on scientific infrastructure investment and sustaining scientific platforms over the long term. Winners will also have 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, with the exception of past award winners. Applicants can be self nominated. A complete application package must be submitted electronically before **11:59 pm on April 30, 2021** to cnsp.rcps@gmail.com.

The application package must include:

- 1) A **maximum one-page statement** of the importance of the applicant's role as a platform scientist/administrator or scientific director, their contribution to the platform's success and how attending the SPM 2021 will benefit their platform(s). The statement must clearly specify whether the applicant aims for a platform scientist, platform administrator or platform scientific director award. Submit the statement as a pdf file with the filename:



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ApplicantFirstName_ApplicantLastName_Application.pdf

- 2) A **maximum two-page CV** including the applicant's current position and information relative to their role in the platform and/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 cnsprcps@gmail.com with the following filename:

ApplicantFirstName_ApplicantLastName_Support_Letter.pdf

All documents should use a 10-12-point font minimum and be legible when printed on standard letter paper.

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

- **Suitability:** Applicant must be in an appropriate position and the application package must be complete.
- **Impact:** Applicant's impact on the success of the platform(s).
- **Dissemination:** Impact of the awardee attending SPM 2021 on the platform(s).
- **Strength of the Letter of support:** Enthusiasm of the sponsor and/or mentor and inclusion of concrete examples of the applicants impact on the platform activities.

NOTE:

- Applications can be submitted in French.
- Award winners are **required** to attend the virtual SPM 2021.
- Awards will be distributed at/after the virtual SPM 2021.
- The language of the SPM 2021 will be English.
- Oral presentations must be in English.