

Discovery Awards 2012 for science & technology

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The Discovery Awards annually honour individuals and companies in Nova Scotia who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of science and technology. Whether it is because of a new invention, innovative study, or dedication to – or promotion of – science and/or technology, if you think somebody has made a major impact in these areas and deserves recognition we encourage you to nominate this person/company for one of the Awards.

At the Discovery Awards Gala evening each November, we welcome over 400 top representatives from industry, government, hospitals and universities from all over Nova Scotia to celebrate the achievements of these special individuals who are making major contributions to science and technology in Nova Scotia.

The four Award Categories are:

Science Champion - Awarded to a working scientist, technology professional, full-time science teacher/professor, journalist, radio or TV personality who devotes time to the promotion of science and technology to the public. The nominee serves as a role model for all Nova Scotians, particularly for youth/students, in support of the development of a science and innovation-oriented culture in the province.

Innovation Award (Business/Small Business) - Awarded for science and/or technology innovation in the commercial development of a new product or service. This award is intended to reward a team or individual who recognized the commercial potential of a concept/research and applied innovative business practices to bring it to the market. Emphasis will be placed on the breakthrough from theoretical/academic work to commercial application.

Professional of Distinction - Awarded to a world-class science and/or technology researcher or developer (in academia, a public research institution or the private sector) who demonstrates ingenious and innovative thinking in the creation of unique ideas, concepts, perspectives, processes, etc. within his/her field. The nominee is recognized nationally and internationally for excellence in his/her work, but may not necessarily be well known locally or by members of the general public.

Emerging Professional of Distinction - Awarded to a post-secondary science and/or technology student, graduate student, post-doctoral fellow, or practicing professional, 35 years of age or under, who lives and studies or works in Nova Scotia. This person demonstrates intellectual achievement, excellence, and has potential for ongoing growth and development. He/she also demonstrates ingenious and innovative thinking in the creation of unique ideas, concepts, perspectives, processes, etc within his/her field.

HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame - This year nominate we are inviting nominations for our Nova Scotia Science Hall of Fame. This award recognizes Nova Scotians who have made exceptional contributions to society through discoveries in the fields of Science/Technology and/or science and technology understanding to the general public, especially the young.