



Canadian Organization of Undergraduate Psychiatric Educators

COUPE EARLY EDUCATOR AWARD

PURPOSE:

The Canadian Organization of Undergraduate Psychiatric Educators (COUPE) is proud to sponsor, on an annual basis, the COUPE Early Educator Award. This award is designed to recognize a teacher or educator who is actively involved in Undergraduate Medical Education, and demonstrates enthusiasm, creativity and innovation to inspire learners in psychiatry.

ELIGIBILITY

The candidate should demonstrate innovation in and/or dedication to Undergraduate Medical Education in one or more of the following areas:

- Curriculum development,
- Teaching effectiveness,
- Mentorship,
- Promotion of psychiatry,
- Leadership,
- Educational scholarship,
- Dedication to undergraduate teaching,
- Commitment to educational excellence/professional development.

Favorable consideration will be given to candidates who demonstrate innovation and excellence in Undergraduate Medical Education particularly at provincial and national levels. Receipt of local and/or departmental award(s) will also be viewed favorably.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Application package cannot be more than **10 (ten) pages, excluding the applicant's Curriculum Vitae.**
- A maximum of one applicant per Canadian medical school. Prior unsuccessful nominees are welcome to re-apply.
- Applicant must be within 10 years of practice at an academic institution, at the level of Assistant Professor/Clinical Assistant Professor, or lower.

SUBMISSION PACKAGES MUST INCLUDE:

1. A personal statement from the applicant (not more than 2 pages; 12 point Arial font) outlining the relevant highlights of their academic activities and involvement in education that is the focus of the award topic.
2. Nomination letter from someone in a leadership position (Departmental Chair or designate, or undergraduate leadership position).
3. 2 letters of reference (1 can be from a medical student, if appropriate).
4. An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae

DEADLINE:

Deadline to submit the application is **January 17, 2025** to the applicant's local COUPE representative.

PRIZE:

The award recipient will receive a Certificate of Recognition from COUPE and the letter will be copied to the Chair of the Department and to the Dean of Undergraduate education of the recipient's Department/University. The award recipient will be invited to receive the certificate at the COUPE Fall meeting, held in conjunction with the CPA meeting typically in September/October of each year. COUPE will notify the recipient in advance in order that he/she may attend and take a picture with the COUPE Chair.

EVALUATION:

COUPE will nominate a sub-committee to review application packages to select a winner. In the case of a tie following adjudication, the sub-committee may bring forth application packages to the COUPE Committee for a final decision. The sub-committee/Committee reserves the prerogative to not give an award in a given year.

The COUPE representative from each school will be responsible for assessing their school's respective submissions and will forward the best application to the COUPE Chair and Administrative Assistant for adjudication by **January 31, 2025**.