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To: CEOs/Executive Directors - Geoscientists Canada Members  
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From: Paul Hubley, P.Ge., FGC  
CEO Geoscientists Canada  
Subject: **Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award 2025  
Call for Nominations**

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Nominations are now open for the 2025 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award.

The following documents are attached:

- Award Terms of Reference
- Nomination Form
- Copy of the Press Release announcing the 2024 award winner
- List of Past Recipients

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **March 28, 2025**. To be eligible for consideration, all nominations must be received at the office of Geoscientists Canada not later than the specified deadline.

For full details of the nomination procedure, please refer to the attached items. Nominations must come from a Member regulator and must be supported by five (5) professional members.

Unsuccessful nominations in their first year of nomination will be allowed to stand automatically as nominees in the following two consecutive years. After 3 years, to be considered again, the same candidate must be re-nominated, in which case the re-nomination will apply for a further three-year period. There is no limit to the number of times a candidate can be nominated. Only one nominee is permitted from any one Member regulator in any one year. The receipt of a new nominee means that the previous nominee from that Member is no longer eligible.

Thank you in advance,

Paul Hubley, P.Ge., FGC

Attachments/-



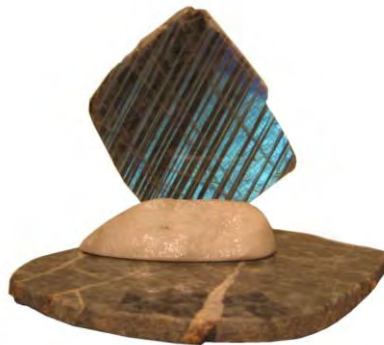
## **CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTIST AWARD**

### **Terms of reference**

The Geoscientists Canada award was established in 2005 to recognize outstanding contributions to the development and/or practice of professional geoscience by an individual who advances public recognition of the practice of professional geoscience in Canada.

Nominations are sought annually in the late fall, for selection in winter and presentation in the spring. The award is presented at the home association of the award recipient, by President of the Geoscientists Canada or a designate.

The award consists of a labradorite marble sculpture created by a Canadian geoscientist artist.



### **The Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award**

The award does not have to be conferred on an annual basis.

### **General information**

#### **Eligibility**

- The candidate will have demonstrated a solid professional career with outstanding service to the community, along with their dedication and commitment through countless hours of volunteer work on behalf of one of the Constituent Associations or to the Geoscientists Canada.
- He or she must be registered as a professional geoscientist in a Constituent Association at the time the nomination is proposed.
- The Award is normally given to a person in mid-to-late career, who has been around long enough so he/she has the reputation and opportunity to make an outstanding contribution to the professional and technical community.
- Candidates who have retired and are therefore no longer practicing are also eligible.
- Current members of Geoscientists Canada Council are excluded from receiving the Award.



## Nominations

The Nomination has two parts:

1. Nominating Form: Filled in by a Constituent Association and signed by 5 members of any Constituent Association in good standing. **Nominations are officially sent by a Constituent Association Officer.** Only one nomination per Constituent Association per year.
  
2. Letter of Support: This should provide a summary in plain language of why the person is being nominated, addressing the following points in language which crosses geoscience boundaries and communicates why this person's contribution is significant:
  - a. Summary of involvement to the Constituent Association;
  - b. Academic background (post- secondary only);
  - c. Career profile with a summary of areas of achievement or distinction;
  - d. Brief career path summary in chronological detail, which should be verifiable. This should highlight unique or otherwise significant accomplishments, current areas of work/interest, important publications, etc.;
  - e. Involvement in other technical/professional societies. All acronyms should be spelled out;
  - f. Community involvement: if applicable. Organization names should be accurate;
  - g. Any additional information desired;
  - h. Closure: summing up why nominee deserves the award.

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Only one nominee is permitted from any one Constituent Association in any one year. The receipt of a new nominee means that the previous nominee from that Constituent Association is no longer eligible.

Please send the nomination documents to:

**Geoscientists Canada**

E-mail: [rkumar@geoscientistscanada.ca](mailto:rkumar@geoscientistscanada.ca)



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## MÉRITE DU GÉOSCIENTIFIQUE PROFESSIONNEL CANADIEN

### Mandat

Le Mérite du Géoscientifiques Canada a été créé en 2005 afin de souligner la contribution exceptionnelle d'un ou d'une géologue ou géoscientifique au développement et / ou à la pratique professionnelle des géosciences et dont la contribution aura fait progresser la reconnaissance de la profession auprès du public canadien.

Les mises en candidature sont acceptées, sur une base annuelle, à la fin de l'automne. La sélection du récipiendaire s'effectue au cours de l'hiver et le Mérite est présenté au printemps par le président de Géoscientifiques Canada ou par un de ses représentants, dans la ville où réside l'Association membre à laquelle le récipiendaire appartient.

Le Mérite est une sculpture de labradorite montée sur une base de marbre, l'œuvre d'un artiste géoscientifique canadien.



### Le Mérite du Géoscientifique professionnel canadien

Le Mérite ne doit pas obligatoirement être remis annuellement.

### Informations générales

#### Conditions d'éligibilité

- Le candidat aura su démontrer au cours de sa carrière professionnelle une implication dans les services à la communauté en participant et en occupant diverses fonctions à titre de bénévole dans des comités d'associations professionnelles membres de Géoscientifiques Canada ou au sein même de Géoscientifiques Canada.
- Il ou elle doit être membre actif d'une association professionnelle membre de Géoscientifiques Canada au moment de la mise en candidature.
- Le Mérite est habituellement octroyé à une personne dont la carrière est avancée ou en fin de celle-ci, de façon à avoir largement contribué à la communauté professionnelle et technique et à avoir pu établir une réputation solide.
- Les candidats et candidates retraités ou inactifs professionnellement sont également éligibles.
- Les membres actifs du Bureau de Géoscientifiques Canada ne sont pas éligibles.



## Mise en candidature

Le processus de mise en candidature se fait en deux phases :

1. Formulaire de mise en candidature : Doit être rempli par une association membre de Géoscientifiques Canada et être signé par 5 membres actifs d'une association professionnelle membre de Géoscientifiques Canada. **Les nominations sont expédiées officiellement par un officier de l'association membre.** Seulement une mise en candidature par année par association sera acceptée.
  
2. Lettre d'appui : Doit expliquer clairement et de façon concise les motivations et raisons qui appuient la candidature en présentant les contributions et réalisations du candidat dans le domaine de la géoscience et domaines connexes :
  - a. Sommaire des contributions au sein de l'association professionnelle;
  - b. Sommaire du profil académique (cours postsecondaires seulement);
  - c. Profil professionnel avec liste des reconnaissances et des distinctions reçues;
  - d. Résumé de carrière en ordre chronologique avec des détails pouvant être vérifiés. Ce résumé devrait mettre en relief les autres contributions et accomplissements du candidat dans des domaines d'intérêts (recherches, publications, autres fonctions, etc.);
  - e. Contributions et accomplissement dans d'autres organismes et associations techniques ou professionnelles. Les acronymes ne sont pas acceptés;
  - f. Contributions au niveau communautaire. Le nom des organismes doit être exact;
  - g. Informations complémentaires si nécessaire;
  - h. Paragraphe de fermeture : qui fait la promotion du candidat pour le Mérite du géoscientifique professionnel canadien.

Les nominés qui n'ont pas été choisis l'année de leur nomination seront automatiquement éligibles à concourir durant les deux années suivantes. Si le candidat désire faire partie des nominés après la troisième année, il devra être renommé de nouveau et dans ce cas, sa nomination sera automatiquement valide pour un autre trois ans. Il n'y a aucune limite au nombre de fois qu'un candidat peut être nominé.

L'association membre n'a le droit qu'à uniquement une nomination par année. Dans le cas où une autre nomination est reçue de la part de la même association membre, la première nomination reçue est automatiquement invalidée.

Veuillez envoyer les documents de mise en candidature à :

### Géoscientifiques Canada

Courriel : [rkumar@geoscientistscanada.ca](mailto:rkumar@geoscientistscanada.ca)



# Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award 2025 Nomination Form

Date:

I/We hereby nominate:  for the Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award  
for consideration by Geoscientists Canada.

Name of the Member regulator supporting the nomination:

**Nominee's Personal Data:**

Name:  Designation:

Address:

City:  Province:  Postal Code:

Phone Number:  Email:

**Supported by\*:**

1. Name:  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ registered in

2. Name:  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ registered in

3. Name:  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ registered in

4. Name:  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ registered in

5. Name:  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ registered in

*\*Signatures may be submitted using counterpart version of this form.*

Check list:

Letter of support covering items a to h (ToR)

# Prix canadien du géoscientifique professionnel 2025

## Formulaire de mise en candidature

Date:

Je soumet/nous soumettons à :  au Prix canadien du géoscientifique  
Géoscientifiques Canada la candidature professionnel 2025.

Nom de l'organisme de réglementation membre qui appuie la nomination :

### **Renseignements personnels de la candidate ou du candidat:**

Nom:

Titre:

Adresse:

Ville:

Province:

Code postal:

Numéro de téléphone:

Courriel:

### **Candidature appuyée par\* :**

1. Nom:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Nom:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription auprès de

3. Nom:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Nom:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Nom:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Vous pouvez utiliser un duplicata de ce formulaire pour présenter des signatures supplémentaires.

Liste de vérification :

Lettre d'appui traitant des points a à h des attributions



## Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award Recipients

Name	Year	Jurisdiction
Gordon Williams, P.Geol.	2006	Alberta
Dwight Ball, P.Geo.	2007	New Brunswick
Hugh Miller, P.Geo	2008	Newfoundland and Labrador
Bill Pearson, P.Geo.	2009	Ontario
George Cavey, P.Geo.	2010	British Columbia
Ian McIlreath, P.Geol.	2011	Alberta
Bruce Broster, P.Geo.	2012	New Brunswick
Deborah McCombe, P.Geo.	2013	Ontario
Gary J. Vivian, P.Geo.	2014	Northwest Territories and Nunavut
Douglas F. VanDine, P.Geo.	2015	British Columbia
Maureen C. Jensen, P.Geo.	2016	Ontario
Frances J. Hein, P.Geo.	2017	Alberta
Jeremy Hall, P. Geo	2018	Newfoundland and Labrador
John Clague, P.Geo.	2019	British Columbia
Hendrik Falck, P.Geo.	2020	Northwest Territories and Nunavut
Donald Kent, P.Geo.	2021	Saskatchewan
Carolyn "Lyn" Anglin, P. Geo.	2022	British Columbia
Catherine Hickson, P.Geo.	2023	British Columbia
Brad Hayes, P.Geo.	2024	Alberta





July 17, 2024

## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

### **Alberta Geoscientist, Dr. Brad Hayes, Ph.D., P.Geo., FGC, receives 2024 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award**

Ottawa — Geoscientists Canada is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2024 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award – Dr. Brad Hayes, Ph.D., P.Geo., FGC, of Calgary, AB.

The Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award recognizes the achievements of an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and practice of professional geoscience and who has advanced public recognition of the profession in Canada in their capacity as a registered professional geoscientist. The award, which consists of a labradorite and marble sculpture made by a Canadian geoscientist artist, is given to a person in mid-to-late career.

To be eligible for the award, a nominee must meet specified criteria, which include: a solid career as a professional geoscientist, an outstanding record of voluntary service to the community, and service to Geoscientists Canada or to one of the provincial or territorial professional organisations that regulate geoscience practise in Canada.

This year's recipient of Geoscientists Canada's highest honour, Dr. Brad Hayes, is recognised for his contribution to the field of geoscience by showing exceptional leadership and commitment to public education and community service.

Dr. Hayes holds a PhD in Geology from the University of Alberta and a BSc in Geology from the University of Toronto, forming the foundation for his over four-decade-long career. As President of Petrel Robertson Consulting Ltd. (PRCL), Dr. Hayes has led the company to the forefront of geoscience consulting, addressing critical issues in both conventional and unconventional hydrocarbon exploration and development worldwide, and in emerging energy resources such as geothermal, carbon sequestration, and helium and lithium-bearing brine exploration.

Dr. Hayes is a leading expert in unconventional hydrocarbons, including oil sands, tight reservoirs, and shale plays, and is a leader in the emerging Canadian helium industry. Recently, he developed a highly praised online open course on the 21st Century Energy Transition with the University of Alberta and the Canadian Society for Evolving Energy.

Beyond his corporate role, Dr. Hayes has served as President of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists (CSPG) and as a board member of the Canadian Society for Evolving Energy (CSEE). He was also a councillor for the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta, highlighting his commitment to advancing the profession and mentoring future geoscientists.

Dr. Hayes contributes his expertise to Geoscience BC's Energy Resources Technical Advisory Committee, aiding in the planning and review of earth science projects. Through presentations at technical conferences, educational institutions, and media commentary, he has significantly advanced public education and promoted responsible geoscience practices.



Dr. Brad Hayes exemplifies the spirit of the Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award through his professional excellence, leadership, and unwavering dedication to public education and community service. His achievements have significantly advanced the field of geoscience and inspired future generations of geoscientists.

Nominations for this award are considered annually, although the award is not necessarily presented each year. Further details on the award criteria and nominations process are available on the Geoscientists Canada website at [www.geoscientistscanada.ca](http://www.geoscientistscanada.ca)

Geoscientists Canada's Mission is to support its members in their efforts to improve the effectiveness of regulation in Canada and achieve excellence in the geoscience profession.

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