

CSIM Award for Applied Quality Improvement Terms of Reference

This award supports, promotes, and recognizes leadership in the application of quality improvement (QI) in the field of general internal medicine (GIM).

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Is a Full Member in good standing of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine.
- Is certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and licensed to practice in Canada.
- Has completed a 5-year GIM specialty training pathway or completed 4 years of training and works primarily in GIM.
- Has not previously received the CSIM Award for Applied Quality Improvement.

CRITERIA

Consideration will be given to:

- The applicant's practical application of quality improvement initiatives leading to demonstrable impact in their hospital, institution, university, or healthcare system such as:
 - Scholarship impact via publication and/or sharing expertise via national/international forums. Scholarly work that advances QI science such as development of QI frameworks or development of quality standards will also enhance the application.
 - Health system or institutional impact which includes transformative change at regional or institutional level. Evidence of spread of QI work and adoption by other groups/institutions or QI administrative work leading to demonstrable change will enhance the application.
 - Mentorship and leadership development of learners and junior faculty including supervision of trainee projects, leadership of teams implementing quality improvement projects, development of education programs supporting quality improvement in Canada.
- The relevance of those initiatives to GIM in Canada.

AWARD

The recipient will receive:

- A monetary prize of \$1,250.
- An electronic certificate of recognition.
- Complimentary registration to the CSIM Annual Meeting October 21-23, 2026 in Montreal, QC*.

**Registration has no monetary value; applicable only to the 2026 CSIM Annual Meeting; non-transferable. Travel, hotel and other expenses are not included.*

The recipient will be:

- Invited to join the CSIM Research/QI Committee.
- Encouraged to submit their work to the [Canadian Journal of General Internal Medicine](#).
- Announced via the CSIM's website, social media, e-newsletter, and/or the CJGIM.
- Invited to judge an abstract presentation if attending the annual meeting.

APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

1. The applicant's current curriculum vitae.
2. Two letters of support outlining the applicant's accomplishments in QI and the significance of the applicant's contributions to the field of general internal medicine.
3. A personal reflection from the applicant on the impact or potential impact and pertinence of their QI initiatives to GIM (up to 500 words).

The documents in the application package are to be emailed as individual PDF attachments with descriptive file names e.g. Appendix_Jane_Smith.pdf.

DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2026
Email the application package to info@csim.ca.

NOTE: Please advise the CSIM office promptly if you do not receive a Notice of Receipt of Submission within 72 hours of your submission. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the submission is received and late or missing submissions will not be accepted. Failure to comply with the application process and submitting incomplete applications may result in rejected applications.