



Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

2026 Champion Awards

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) Champion Award was created to recognize and honour individuals who have made significant and meaningful contributions to the advancement of public-private partnerships. The Champion Award has historically been awarded to an individual with significant experience and material contributions to public-private partnership models throughout their career.

There are two categories of Champion Award: the **Lifetime Champion** award and the **Emerging Leader Award**.

The Champion Award winners will be announced on stage at the National Awards Gala Luncheon at the CCPPP annual conference on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

PRIZES

Winners in each category will receive an engraved plaque and have the right to the designation of “Champion Award Winner” on publications, stationary and future proposal submissions. Winners will also be celebrated through news releases and media coverage arranged by the Council.

DEFINITION OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

For the purposes of an awards application, a public-private partnership is a project delivery model that: (i) provides infrastructure and services to Canadians using efficient solutions to public sector objectives; (ii) provides value to taxpayers; and (iii) reflects each of the following attributes:

- Allocation of risk to the party best suited to manage it;
- Consideration of the whole life cycle of the asset;
- Promotion of innovation and efficiencies; and,
- Leveraging of private capital and expertise.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application Form. The proponent must complete and submit the attached Application Form.

Maximum Submission Length. Subject to the exceptions described below, applications must not exceed 10 pages in length. No materials beyond the 10th page of an application will be reviewed or considered.

Exceptions to Maximum Submission Length. The “Sign-Off Page” portion of the Application Form shall not count towards the maximum submission length.

Formatting. Applications must use either Arial, Calibri or Times New Roman font, and may not use a font size smaller than 10 points. Applications may not have margins less than one inch.

File Type. Only applications provided in an electronic format will be accepted. Applications must be provided in both Word and Adobe Acrobat PDF formats.

ELIGIBILITY

Lifetime Champion Award. To be eligible for the Lifetime Champion Award, a nominee must be at least fifty-five (55) years of age.

Emerging Leader Award. To be eligible for the Emerging Leader Award, a nominee must be no greater than forty (40) years of age.

International Experience. Nominees do not need to be Canadian citizens. However, proponents are reminded that the CCPPP awards programs were created to recognize excellence in the Canadian Public-Private Partnership market. Therefore, nominees should be able to demonstrate a substantial connection to Canadian infrastructure partnership work.

WHO MAY NOMINATE A CHAMPION

Any person or organization (including a private or public-sector entity) may nominate an individual for a Champion Award.

ASSESSMENT OF SUBMISSIONS

Assessment Focus and Evaluation Factors. Applications should focus on the information requested in the Application Form. The Assessment Panel will not consider information not included in the application.

Assessment Panel. The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships will appoint an expert selection panel of knowledgeable and objective Canadian leaders to review the applications against the criteria and select the winners.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submission Deadline. Signed applications must be submitted electronically no later than **12:00 p.m. (Noon) ET, Friday, September 4, 2026.**

Submission Address. Applications should be emailed to partners@pppcouncil.ca.

Submission Fee. There is no submission fee.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Champion Award winners will be announced and celebrated at the National Awards Gala Luncheon on Tuesday, November 10 2026 , during the 2026 Canada's Infrastructure Conference. Champion Award winners will be privately notified prior to the awards luncheon.

-- End of Champion Awards Application Guidelines --



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APPLICATION FORM

Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee Employer and Title (or retired): _____

Nominator: _____

Nomination Category Nominator may select one of the categories below.

Lifetime Champion
 Emerging Leader

Information Required to Support Nomination:

1.	Provide a description of the positions and roles held by the nominee that are relevant to public-private partnerships.
2.	Provide a description of the key contributions made by the nominee that advanced the use, understanding and/or reputation of public-private partnerships.
3.	Provide a description of noteworthy accomplishments/successes made by the nominee in the public-private partnership market.
4.	Provide any other information about the nominee not already described above that demonstrates their unique contributions to the market and/or how they stand out from their peers in the public-private partnership market.

SIGN-OFF PAGE

Your signature on this application form will acknowledge your participation in the CCPPP Champion Awards, as part of the 2026 National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Public-Private Partnerships.

Nominator: _____

Title of Nominator: _____

Organization of Nominator: _____

Nominator Phone: _____

Nominator Email: _____

**Deadline for Submission of Nominations and Applications is
12:00 p.m. (Noon) ET, Friday, September 4, 2026.**

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