

Public Impact Award – 2026 Nomination Form

About the Award

The Public Impact Award, presented by Research Nova Scotia (RNS), recognizes a researcher whose work has benefitted Nova Scotians by tangibly improving the economy or increasing productivity in one of RNS's three priority sectors:

- Natural resources, climate change, and clean energy
- Life sciences and health sciences
- Construction and transportation

The award will be presented at the Annual Discovery Awards in November 2026 in Halifax.

Section 1: Nominator Information

Full name:

Position:

Organization/affiliation:

Email:

Phone:

Relationship to nominee:

Address:

Section 2: Nominee Information

Full name:

Position:

Organization/affiliation:

Email:

Phone:

Sector (select one):

- Natural resources, climate change, and clean energy
- Life sciences and health sciences
- Construction and transportation

Nominee category (select one):

- Academia
- Public Research Institution
- Government
- Private Sector

I have notified this person that I am nominating them: Yes/No

NOTE: *Nominees may be contacted to answer additional questions following your nomination.*

Section 3: Nomination Details

Nomination Rationale (max 250 words)

1. With the award criteria in mind, please explain why this researcher deserves to be considered for the Public Impact Award.

Direct Impact on Nova Scotians (max 300 words)

2. What specific outcomes has the nominee's research produced for Nova Scotians? Describe the direct benefits, including changes to economic activity and/or productivity. Provide concrete examples where possible.

Development and Implementation Pathway (max 300 words)

3. How has the nominee's research been translated into real-world use? Describe the path from initial research to application, including key partnerships, adoption or commercialization steps, and how the work was implemented in Nova Scotia.

Additional Information (*max 250 words*)

Provide any additional information about the Nominee and their achievements that should be considered by the selection committee.