



PERC NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH COLLABORATION GUIDELINES

The PERC National Award for Excellence in Research Collaboration was established in 2025 (and replaces the Spirit of PERC Award). It is awarded annually to recognize individuals within the PERC network who embody our values, excel in collaboration, and demonstrate longstanding dedication to enhancing pediatric emergency care through research. The award honours those whose efforts have strengthened our community, fostered meaningful partnerships, and advanced multi-centre pediatric emergency medicine research in Canada.

SELECTION CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY

The PERC National Award for Excellence in Research Collaboration honours individuals within the PERC Network who exemplify its core values and demonstrate exceptional teamwork and collaboration. The award recognizes a longstanding commitment to advancing pediatric emergency medicine research and aims to foster a culture of appreciation across the network. Candidates may not receive the award more than once.

Eligible candidates include research coordinators, program managers, research assistants, nurses, and other key team members involved in research—excluding principal investigators and PEM trainees. By recognizing remarkable dedication and collaborative spirit, the award promotes a culture of acknowledgment and celebrates those who significantly impact the field within the PERC Network.

Nominees should demonstrate:

- A consistent and meaningful contribution to multi-centre research projects
- Excellence in teamwork and collaboration
- A strong alignment with the values and mission of PERC
- Supportive and inclusive practices that foster effective research teams

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations are invited annually from PERC members. A complete nomination must include:

- A completed [Nomination Form](#)
- A nomination letter (maximum 500 words) from a PERC member describing how the nominee:
 - Embodies PERC's values and collaborative spirit
 - Has made longstanding contributions to pediatric emergency research
 - Has had a demonstrable impact on team function, culture, and research outcomes

Nominations should highlight specific examples of team leadership, innovation in research processes, problem-solving in multi-centre studies, or other meaningful contributions to research collaboration within the PERC network.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY (EDIA) CONSIDERATIONS

PERC is committed to promoting equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility within our community and recognizes that collaboration thrives when all voices are valued. Nominations are strongly encouraged to reflect on:

- The nominee's efforts to create inclusive, respectful, and equitable team environments
- Contributions that reduce barriers to participation for underrepresented groups
- Approaches that embody culturally safe practices or inclusive research design
- Leadership in advancing EDIA values in pediatric emergency research

Nominees from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged. Nominators are asked to consider equity principles when preparing submissions and to be mindful of potential systemic barriers in recognizing excellence.

DEADLINE AND SELECTION PROCESS

The nomination deadline for the PERC 2026 award is December 19, 2025.

All complete nominations will be reviewed and ranked by the PERC Awards Sub-Committee, which includes diverse representation from across the network. Award recipients will be recognized during the PERC Annual Scientific Meeting.

Please direct questions to:

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