



## **Award of Merit Terms of Reference**

The PGO Award of Merit may be presented annually to an individual member who, during the course of their career, has made significant contributions to the geoscience profession, protection of the public, and whose actions and accomplishments reflect positively on the geoscience profession.

The successful candidate will have:

- Contributed significantly to the geoscience knowledge base; and/or
- Contributed significantly to the fields of mineral exploration and development, environmental geoscience, and/or geophysics; and/or
- Contributed significantly to public service and protection of the public.

To be eligible, individuals must be a PGO registrant (full practicing, limited or non-practicing) in good standing. Notwithstanding PGO registration requirements, each nominee's career accomplishments may have been attained in other parts of Canada or internationally.

Nominations will be accepted from PGO registrants before March 31 of each calendar year.

Selection of the Award recipient will be made by an Award of Merit Panel. The PGO Immediate Past President will act as Chair of the Panel. The Panel will consist of 3 to 5 active members of Council, the Nominations Committee and the Past President's Advisory Committee, with representation from each, as appointed by the Panel Chair. Panel members must review the names of the nominees and declare to the Chair any potential or perceived conflict of interest that would cause the panelist to be unable to participate as an impartial reviewer of nominations. The Chair may appoint additional members as needed, and repeat the conflict-of-interest review, until a panel is struck.

The Award, consisting of a plaque, will be presented at the PGO Annual General Meeting generally held in June of each year. One recipient may be selected each year. The Award may not be presented in any given year if, in the opinion of the Panel, no suitable candidate has been nominated.

Unsuccessful nominations will automatically be considered for the Award during the following two years after which a fresh nomination submission will be required. Nominees not selected in any year may be nominated again in following years with no limit on the number of times an individual may be nominated.



**Evaluation of Nominees for the PGO Award of Merit Panel: Name &  
Role (Council or Past President)**

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Nominees (Alphabetical Order)	(a) Actions & Accomplishments Reflect Positively on Profession	(b) Geoscience Knowledge Base	(c) Geoscience Field of Practice	(d) Public Service	(e) Public Protection	Score (out of 25)

SCORING: 5 points per category

If there is more than one candidate tied for the top position based on the scoring, those tied candidates move to a round 2 evaluation.

**Recommendation of Panel:**

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**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Evaluation Criteria:**

(a) actions and accomplishments reflect positively on the geoscience

profession Score	1	2	3	4	5
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(b) contributed significantly to geoscience knowledge base

Score	1	2	3	4	5
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(c) contributed significantly to mineral exploration & development, environmental geoscience and/or geophysics

Score	1	2	3	4	5
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(d) significant public service, including volunteerism

Score	1	2	3	4	5
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(e) contributed significantly to protection of the public

Score	1	2	3	4	5
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**Notes on scoring:**

- 1 is low and 5 is high
- All categories can be scored, although it is not necessary to do so. Only those categories that apply to the nominee should be scored, but the evaluator may use their discretion.
- 5 points per category for a possible total score of 25