

ASTech Awards 2023 - Standard Process Nomination Form

The 34th Annual Alberta Science, Technology, and Leadership Awards (ASTech - astech.ca) showcases Alberta achievements that have made a significant impact through Science or Technology - by furthering discovery, innovation, knowledge, application, adoption, or community.

This Standard Process Nomination Form is to be used for all the 2023 ASTech Awards - (Event Date: Friday, November 3rd, 2023)

- *Note: As always - ASTech Awards reserves the right to only award the categories where submission standards are met.*

Standard Process - Submit an Award Nomination: Deadline: 10:00 AM, Friday, June 30, 2023.

1. The process is very similar to that of recent years.
2. The Standard Nomination Form has room for approximately 3 pages of information and attachments.
3. *One Nomination Form for Multiple Categories: Only One (1) Nomination Form is Needed per Nominated Candidate (can be a *Company, Team, or Individual*), even if they are being Nominated for multiple awards. The form allows multiple award category check-boxes so that worthy Candidates can be considered for multiple categories in this single form submission (ie. Outstanding Woman in Innovation AND Outstanding Health Innovation). **Note1:** *Should the Nominator or Nominee choose, separate Nomination Forms are Allowed Per Category they choose to submit. **Note2:** A maximum of 5 categories can be selected per project/submission. (If more than 5 categories are selected, only the first 5 will be considered).**

Overall Sequence:

1. **Submission Stage:** Standard Process Nomination Form to be completed by the deadline - 10:00 AM, Friday, June 30, 2023.
2. **Judging Stage:** All Completed Full-Nominations are reviewed by our Judges. Finalists in each category are notified and are invited to attend the 2023 ASTech Awards.
3. **Award Stage:** Finalists will be recognized prior to, during, and post-event. Award winners will be announced at the annual ASTech Awards Event on November 3, 2023.

Standard Process Nomination Form Sections:

1. Nominator's information (*your information*)
2. Nominee's information (Candidate's *Company, Team, or Individual information*)
3. Nominee's Bio, Logo, & Headshot/Team Image
4. Award Category Selection & Written Nomination
5. Supporting Documents & Attachments
6. Communication Process

Thank you in advance for uplifting our community by showing our researchers, entrepreneurs, innovators, and champions - how much they are appreciated in our province, and providing role models for all.

SAVE THE DATE - The 34th ASTech Awards will be a hybrid event this year on Friday, November 3rd, 2023.

Learn about our 2022 Award Winners [HERE](#).

For more information on nominations, volunteering, sponsoring, partnering or attending - please contact astechawards@technologyalberta.ca

===== STANDARD PROCESS NOMINATION FORM STARTS HERE =====

Please provide the Nominator's information below:

*** Required**

1. First Name of Nominator *

2. Last Name of Nominator *

3. Job Title/Role of Nominator *

4. Company/Organization of Nominator *

5. City/Town/County *

6. Nominator's Relationship to Nominee *

Check all that apply.

- None
- Self-Nomination
- Colleague
- Friend or Family
- Academic Relationship
- Business Relationship
- Fan
- Other: _____

7. High Quality Logo (Optional):

We want to support our nominators and nominees as much as possible through the ASTech Awards. Therefore, please provide a high quality logo (SVG, or PNG format) of your organization to be featured in our marketing materials. By providing your logo, you give permission to use the provided logo in ASTech Award-related marketing materials.

Files submitted:

Nominee's Information (Potential Award Candidate(s))

Please provide the basic information of the nominee(s) and their email (if known).

If you do not possess the nominee's email, please provide the contact information of a representative of the nominee and/or their company/department where they can best be reached.

Note - For team nominations, please either put a lead contact or the individual team members on the same line. (e.g. "First Name(s) of Nominee(s)": John; Jane)

8. Nominee Type: *

Check all that apply.

Individual

Team

Company

Community

Other: _____

9. First Name of Nominee(s) or Team Lead(s) *

10. Last Name of Nominee(s) or Team Lead(s) *

11. Job Title/Role of Nominee(s) or Team Lead(s) *

12. Company/Organization of Nominee(s) *

13. City/Town/County *

14. Email of the Nominee(s), *

if unknown - please provide their administrative, department, company's or representative's email

15. *If applicable* - provide the administrative, department, or representative's Name

Nominee's Bio, Logo, & Headshot/Team Image

We will be featuring award finalists through the ASTech Awards communications materials.

As such, please provide a high-quality logo, a high-quality headshot or team image of the nominee(s), and a short 2-3 sentence describing the project/body-of-work that will help us more accurately describe the finalists' work to our audience through their own words.

Note - By providing this information, you give permission for their use in our communications materials.

16. High-Quality Logo Upload: *

Please provide a high-quality logo (SVG, or PNG format - Large dimensions preferred) of your organization for feature in our communications materials.

Files submitted:

17. High-Quality Headshot/Team Image: *

Please provide a high-quality image (SVG, or PNG format - Large dimensions preferred) of nominee(s) for feature purposes in our communications materials.

Files submitted:

18. Submission Title: *

Please provide a short title for the nominee(s) body of work (**10 words or less**)

*Note: This title will be referenced from this point on in the judging process.
(example title: "Advanced Fault Detection Methods in...")*

19. Short Bio: *

Please provide **2-3 paragraphs** describing the nominee(s), pertaining to their body of work.

For example bio's see our [2022 ASTech Award Winners page](#) for inspiration.

Award Category Selection & Written Nomination

Award Category Selection:

- Please select the applicable award categories for the nominee.
- *Note - A maximum of 5 categories can be selected per project. (If more than 5 categories are selected, only the first 5 will be considered)*

Written Nomination (3 parts):

- Problem/Opportunity Addressed (approx. 250 words);
- Solution Development (approx. 750 words);
- Impact (approx. 500 words).

20. **Award Category/Categories Applicable ***

Check all that apply.

- Aerospace Innovation ****NEW****
- Agriculture/Agrifood
- AI/ML Advancement and Application
- Construction/Smart Cities/Transportation
- Digital Innovation (General)
- Energy/Cleantech
- Environmental Innovation in Energy Applications
- Environment/Water/Air
- Hydrogen and Alternative Energies Initiatives ****NEW****
- Medical/Healthcare/Pharmaceuticals
- Social Innovation/Educational Technologies
- Sustainability Solutions/Approaches
- Change Makers (Early Career)
- Early Adopter of Innovation (Combination: Customer and Alberta Innovator)
- Indigenous-led Entrepreneurship and Contribution to Knowledge
- Innovation of the Year Award (Entrepreneur/Startup/SME Company)
- Regional Champion (8 Regions across Alberta/1 award per region)
- Researcher of the Year (Individual/Team: Academia, Research Institutions, Large Companies)
- Women in Innovation
- Alberta-wide Community Champion of Innovation
- Special Award (outstanding merit - in areas outside of existing categories)
- Other: _____

21. **Which of the following best describes the nominee? (Check all descriptors which are applicable)** *

Check all that apply.

- Researcher or Team in Academia
- Researcher or Team in non-Academic Research Institutions
- Researcher or Team in Large Industry
- Innovator, Team or Company - in Industry (Entrepreneurs, Start-ups, Innovation Companies)
- Early Adopter of Alberta Technologies (Award goes to both customer company and technology provider company)
- Champion or Community Leader
- Community Group, Not-for-Profit
- Post-Secondary Institution
- Other: _____

22. **Part 1) Problem/Opportunity Addressed** (recommended - 250 words): *

What is the market problem, opportunity, or contribution addressed through this innovation/body of work of the nominee?

23. **Part 2) Solution Development** (recommended - 750 words): *

How was the solution to this problem/opportunity developed? Describe the research, innovation, or leadership and how it is leading edge. How did it advance fundamental and/or applied research and innovation - or advance the community? What is the significance of the solution and contribution?

24. **Part 3) Demonstrate Impact** (recommended - 500 words): *

What benefit was achieved or targeted? If or when implemented, what is the estimated impact of the advancement? How does the nominee's work contribute to Alberta's reputation?

25. Other Information of Note (Optional)

Supporting Documents & Letters of Support

Please upload any supporting documents to supplement the written nomination.

26. Upload supporting documents to help make the nominee's case. These could be news articles, marketing materials, interviews, or other documents that validate the body of work's importance and supplement the written nomination.

Files submitted:

27. Upload letters of support from partners or clients, confirming the nominee's achievements and/or supporting the submission

Files submitted:

28. Upload a short video to help validate the significance of the nominees work. (Optional)

Files submitted:

29. Or submit a link to a short video to help support the nomination. (Optional)

Next steps to stay informed for ASTech Awards 2023.

- We share important information through our various communication channels, therefore:

In order to stay up to date - the following is required:

- Step 1: "Follow" our [ASTech Awards](#) and [Technology Alberta](#) LinkedIn pages.
- Step 2: Regularly check your inbox for our newsletters and direct communications. *Note - All nominators will be subscribed to our ASTech Awards and Technology Alberta Newsletters - where regular ASTech Awards information will be shared.*

We wish you the best of luck with this nomination and appreciate your contributions to the Alberta Science and Technology community.

By submitting your nomination you agree to the following:

- to receive communications from Technology Alberta and the ASTech Awards
- for submitted nomination to be considered for a 2023 ASTech Award.

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