

ASTech Awards 2024 Common Form - Nomination and EOI (Expression of Interest)

The 35th Annual Alberta Science and Technology 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.

Expression of Interest Deadline: April 30, 2024

Nomination Deadline: May 28, 2024

Form Sections:

Common:

1. Nominator's information (*Individual nominating another person (nominee). Note: the nominator and nominee can be the same person.*)

Nomination Only:

1. Nominee's information (*Nominee's company, team, or individual information.*)
2. Nominee's Bio, Logo, & Headshot/Team Image
3. Award Category Selection(s) & Written Nomination
4. Supporting Documents & Attachments

Expression of Interest Only:

1. (Approx) Number of Nominations Your Organization is Planning to Submit by May 28

This form automatically saves as you progress - so you can log in numerous times and complete at your own pace.

Note: On the ASTech Awards - If sufficient qualified candidates are received in a single category, up to 5 candidates may qualify as finalists, with no more than 2 finalists being from the same organization (in the interests of delivering pan-Alberta value).

Alternate Option: Short Form - Recommendation: Should you prefer to just identify or "recommend" the Nominee (but not fill out the full Nomination form) - this is the correct option for you. ASTech Awards Staff review all Recommendations weekly (starting March 1), and contact all eligible "Recommendees" - encouraging them to fill out the full-Nomination Form. To "Recommend" see the short [Recommendation Process](#) form.

Thank you for taking the time to support and celebrate Alberta's achievements in Science and Technology, and promote Innovation Sector Growth through the collaboration of

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. **1. Form Path:**

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In order to understand how to better direct your nomination please answer the question below:

Mark only one oval.

- Submitting Full-Nomination for Someone Else *Skip to question 3*
- Nominating my team or self-nominating *Skip to question 11*
- Expression of Interest *Skip to question 37*

2. Nominators Information

Please provide the Nominator's information below:

3. 2.1 Email *

4. 2.2 First Name of Nominator *

5. 2.3 Last Name of Nominator *

6. 2.4 Job Title/Role of Nominator *

7. 2.5 Company/Organization of Nominator *

8. 2.6 City/Town/County *

9. 2.7 Nominator's Relationship to Nominee *

Check all that apply.

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

10. 2.8 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:

3. Nominee's Information

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

11. 3.1 Nominee Type: *

Check all that apply.

Individual

Team

Company

Community

Other: _____

12. 3.2 First Name of Nominee or Team Lead or Primary Contact *

13. 3.3 Last Name of Nominee or Team Lead or Primary Contact *

14. 3.4 Job Title/Role of Nominee or Team Lead or Primary Contact *

15. 3.5 Company/Organization of Nominee(s) *

16. 3.6 City/Town/County *

17. 3.7 Email of the Nominee or Team Lead or Primary Contact *

18. 3.8 Individual's website and/or company website *

19. 3.9 Provide LinkedIn Account or Profile Link of Nominee or Team Lead *

20. 3.10a Please provide the names of Co-Nominees in the format indicated:
First Name, Last Name, Title/Role, Company, Email

Separate each co-nominee by hitting Enter and starting a new line.

21. 3.10b Provide LinkedIn Account or Profile link of Co-Nominees

Separate each co-nominee by hitting Enter and starting a new line.

22. 3.12 *If applicable* - provide the administrative, department, or representative's Name

4. 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 2-3 sentences 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.

23. 4.1 High-Quality Logo Upload:

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

Files submitted:

24. 4.2 High-Quality Headshot/Team Image:

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

Please use the following naming convention, "LastName-FirstName-Company/Organization"

Example: "Doe-Jane-ASTechAwards"

Files submitted:

25. 4.3 Submission Title:

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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...")*

26. 4.4 Short Bio:

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Please provide **1-3 paragraphs** describing the nominee(s), pertaining to their body of work.

For example bio's see our [2023 ASTech Award Winners page](#) for inspiration.

5. 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 or initiative.*

Written Nomination (3 parts):

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

27. 5.1 Award Category/Categories Applicable *

Check all that apply.

- Aerospace Innovation
- 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: Technologies and Initiatives
- 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 Innovation Champion (8 Regions across Alberta; Individual, Team, or Org)
- Researcher of the Year (Individual/Team: Academia, Research Institutions, Large Companies)
- Women in Innovation
- Alberta-wide Community Champion of Innovation
- Excellence in Furthering Under-represented Populations and More Inclusive Communities
- Special Award (outstanding merit - in areas outside of existing categories)
- ** Unknown - Request Assistance from ASTech Team: Please Contact me **
- Other: _____

28. **5.2 Which of the following best describes the nominee?** (Check all descriptors which are applicable)

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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: _____

29. **5.3 Part 1) Problem/Opportunity Addressed** (recommended - 250 words):

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

30. **5.4 Part 2) Solution Development** (recommended - 750 words):

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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?

31. **5.5 Part 3) Demonstrate Impact** (recommended - 500 words):

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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?

32. **5.6 Other Information of Note (Optional)**

6. Supporting Documents & Letters of Support

Please upload any supporting documents to supplement the written nomination.

33. 6.1 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. (Maximum number of files - 5)

Files submitted:

34. 6.2 Upload letters of support from partners or clients, confirming the nominee's achievements and/or supporting the submission. (Maximum number of files - 5)

Files submitted:

35. 6.3 Upload a short video to help validate the significance of the nominees work. (Optional) - (Maximum number of files - 1)

Files submitted:

36. 6.4 Or submit a link to a short video to help support the nomination. (Optional) - (Maximum number of links - 1)

7. Next steps to stay informed for ASTech Awards 2024.

- We share important information through our various communication channels.

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

- 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 automatically 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.

Official Notification: *An official notification on whether your submission has made the finalist round, will be sent to you by **September 30 or earlier.***

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 2024 ASTech Award.*

8. Expression of Interest (EOI)

We invite you to submit your expression of interest, to the future 2024 nomination submissions of 1 or more individuals, teams or companies.

By submitting your EOI by April 30, your organization has the opportunity to gain early recognition (logo on our social media - to a community of 20,000). Your organization's recognition not only celebrates commitment and enhances reputation - it helps build the innovation community, so Thank You!

Optionally: One of our team members will reach out to provide guidance and answer any questions you may have, upon request.

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37. Email *

38. Your Full Name (First Name, Last Name) *

39. Organization Name
(ie. Name of post-secondary, company, etc)

40. Job Title/Role *

41. City/Town/County *

42. Social Media Visibility: Would you like your organizations logo included on a post with all the other organizations that are planning to nominate?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

43. If Yes - Provide Logo (Optional)

Files submitted:

44. How many nominations do you intend to provide?

Mark only one oval.

1

2

3

4

5

6+

Other: _____

45. Would you like to be contacted via email? We are happy to answer any questions

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

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