Arch Awards – Nomination Process – Toolkit

Background

The purpose of **Arch Awards** is to recognize and celebrate the achievements of UCalgary alumni within the community. The Arch Awards program provides the opportunity to showcase the excellence of our alumni and to build pride in the alumni community for being a part of UCalgary's past, present and future.

A History of Excellence
Since 1985, the UCalgary Alumni Association has recognized outstanding alumni who demonstrate innovation and excellence in their careers and communities.

Arch Award recipients are leaders and innovators. These graduates have contributed significantly to their industries and communities while upholding the highest standards and values in everything they do. They represent the best of our alumni community. Help us ensure they receive the recognition they deserve.

Award Categories

Early Career Award: Recognizes professional accomplishment or creative leadership in any field by a graduate aged 30 or younger in the presentation year. The award honours recent alumni whose career success has brought distinction to themselves, credit to the university, and real benefit to their communities.
Alumni Service Award: Recognizes a graduate whose philanthropy and or volunteer commitment has served to advance the University of Calgary and its alumni. The award honours those who have improved the lives of fellow graduates and future alumni.
Community Commitment Award: Recognizes a graduate who has made outstanding and significant contributions to their community. The award honours those whose service has brought distinction to themselves and real benefit to their communities.
Career Achievement Award: Recognizes a graduate whose leadership and accomplishments have had a positive impact in their professional field or industry. This individual will have achieved excellence and distinction in their career.
International Career Achievement Award: Recognizes international career achievement or creative leadership in any international field by a graduate. The award honors those whose international career achievements have brought distinction to themselves, credit to the university, and real benefit to their communities.
Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement: The highest honour awarded by the UCalgary Alumni Association, the Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement recognizes a graduate who over the course of their life has made notable contributions that have improved their profession and community. Having reached the pinnacle of professional and personal success they enrich the lives of others through their leadership, shared knowledge, creativity, and innovation.

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Category Criteria

Visit the Arch Awards webpage to find the category that best suits your candidate.

Who are the UCalgary alumni that inspire you?

Check out the categories below to help us recognize our most remarkable alumni — those who have transformed business and community, art and technology, and sport and health.

Arch Award recipients are leaders and innovators. These UCalgary graduates have shown excellence in their professions and are champions for the betterment of their communities. Help us ensure they receive the recognition they deserve.

Nominations for the 2027 Arch Awards are now open. Nominate a peer, colleague, friend or former classmate in one of our six categories:

- Early Career Achievement Award
- Career Achievement Award
- Alumni Service Award
- International Career Achievement Award
- Community Commitment Award
- Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement

Each drop down menu contains a description of the category and the required questions asked on the Submittable nomination form, as well as two links connecting to the form. Select the category in which you'd like to nominate your visionary graduate and click on "Submit nomination…".

Alumni Service Award

Recognizes graduates whose philanthropy and/or volunteer commitment has served to advance the University of Calgary and its alumni. The award honours those who have improved the lives of fellow graduates and future alumni.

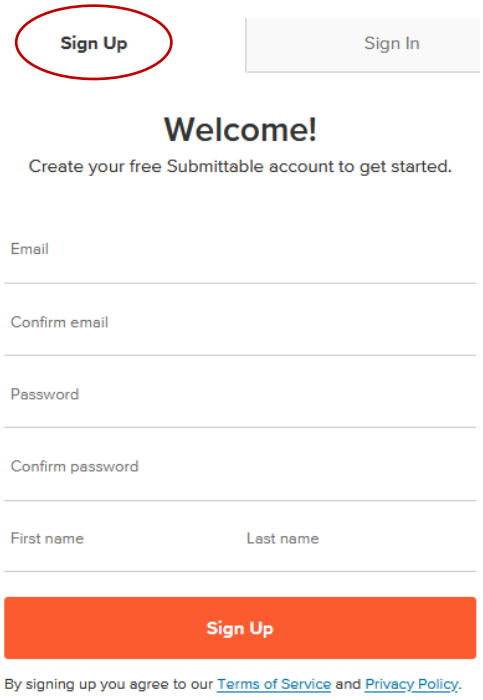
To nominate a UCalgary graduate for this award, please **complete and submit our online nomination form**. You may save the form and return to complete at another time.

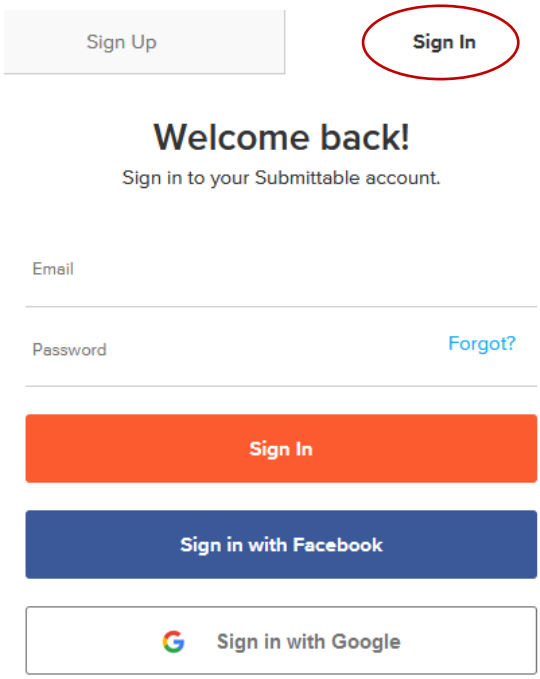
Nominators will be asked to answer the following questions:

- What unique impact has the candidate had on UCalgary and its alumni?
- What are the recognized outcomes, made possible by this candidate, that demonstrate a benefit to alumni and students?
- How did this candidate go about making this impact happen?

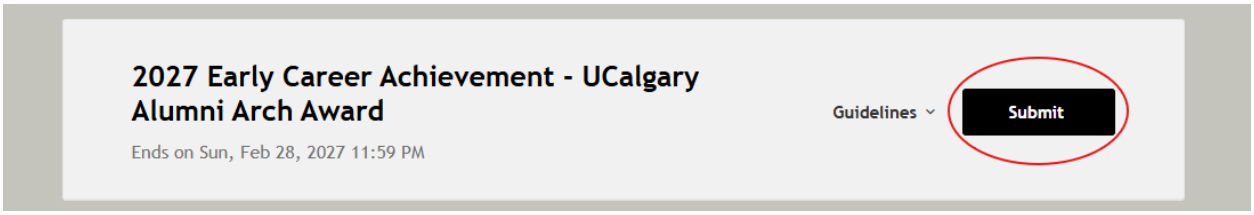
Submit nomination for Alumni Service Award

You will be taken to the Submittable sign in page where you can create a new account or open an existing account.





Select the category and click on submit.



Submit your Nomination

Enter the name of the person you are nominating and how you learned about the Arch Awards.

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Who are you nominating for an Alumni Service Arch Award? (required)

Limit: 300 characters

How did you hear about the Arch Awards nominations?

- ◯ Email
- ◯ Social media
- ◯ Personal ask
- ◯ Other

At the top of the nomination form you'll be informed that you are required to submit at least one letter of support. Now would be a good time to consider who to ask and reach out to request their support.

REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION - Letter of Support

To be considered complete, each nomination package must have a minimum of one letter of support (up to four may be attached) by the submission deadline. Each nomination must include a minimum of one letter of support from someone other than the nominator.

We encourage you to request your letter(s) of support as soon as possible to ensure they are included before midnight, Feb 28, 2027.

You will be asked below to attach your letter(s) of support.

Please enter your name, contact information (email address required) and alumni status (you are not required to be a UCalgary graduate to submit).

Nominator Information

Full name of nominator (You) *

First Name

Last Name

Nominator email address *

email@example.com

Nominator phone number

Did you graduate from the University of Calgary? *

- Yes
- No

Please enter the name of the nominee and your relationship to them.

Please note that nominations from immediate family members will not be accepted (Such as: spouse, child, parent, sibling). Self or posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

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Nominee Information

Nominee First Name *

Nominee Last Name *

Please include any former names the nominee may have used while attending the University of Calgary.

Former name (if applicable)

This nominee is/was my: *

- [ ] Colleague/Co-worker
- [ ] Supervisor/Manager
- [ ] Direct Report
- [ ] Friend/Peer
- [ ] Student
- [ ] Other. Please provide further details below.

PLEASE NOTE: Nominations from immediate family members will not be accepted. (Such as: spouse, child, parent, sibling)

Please provide the nominee's degree and class year to the best of your knowledge. Don't worry if you don't know the exact year as we can look it up for you.

Please provide the nominee's mailing address, should you have it.

Nominee degree(s) and class year(s) from University of Calgary *

Don't worry if you don't know the exact details. We can look it up but please provide as much information as you have.

Nominee mailing address

Country

Select...

Address

Address Line 2 (optional)

City

State, Province, or Region

Zip or Postal Code

Please provide the nominee's phone number, should you know it.

Please provide the nominee's email address. This is a required field.

Nominee phone number (if known)

Nominee email address *

email@example.com

The next series of questions are your opportunity to share and showcase the accomplishments of your nominee. Please note, each series of questions is unique to the category so the questions below might not be those you will be required to submit.

Nomination Tips

Please provide detailed but brief descriptions that clearly explain why the individual is worthy of an award.

Give real examples that showcase the impact this person has made in their profession and community.

Submit only the very best articles, photos and other materials that help build your case. Think quality over quantity.

Make sure letters of support come from peers who can provide a unique perspective of why this individual is a worthy recipient.

Tell us about the nominee

What unique impact has the candidate had on UCalgary and its alumni? *

Please provide as much detail as possible.

What are the recognized outcomes, made possible by this candidate, that demonstrate a benefit to UCalgary alumni and students? *

Please provide as much detail as possible.

How did the candidate go about making this impact happen? *

Please provide as much detail as possible.

If you have additional information, images, or websites to share, please submit in the next section.

Is there any additional information the committee should consider when evaluating the nominee?

Please share any further details not already provided.

Provide any articles, profiles or other sources that would enhance your nomination.

Choose File

Select up to 5 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 5 more files.

Acceptable file types: .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg

Provide a link to any articles, profiles, or other online sources that would enhance your nomination.

example.com

Please note that this field accepts only one URL. To submit additional sources, please include in the above additional information field. For support, contact alumni@ucalgary.ca.

Please attach a minimum of one letter of support for your nominee. The letter of support should be from someone other than the nominator. You can save your draft and review at a later date but please remember to click Submit Form when complete.

Letter(s) of support

To be considered complete, each nomination package must have a minimum of one letter of support from someone other than the nominator by the submission deadline of Feb 28, 2027.

We recommend that you reach out early to ensure your letter(s) of support is included and your submission is complete.

Please attach up to four letters of support. ONE is required.

Choose File

Select up to 4 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 4 more files.

Acceptable file types: .doc, .docx, .pdf

Your package is not complete until at least ONE letter of support is attached. Only complete packages will be accepted.

Please ensure that your letters of support are attached before hitting submit below.

I agree with Terms of Use *

Save Draft Submit