

**The G. William N. Fitzgerald Award for Excellence in Rural Surgery
and the
The G. William N. Fitzgerald Award for Excellence in Trainee Rural Surgery**

2019 Nominations Criteria

Recognize the contributions of surgeons and trainees in rural general surgery. The annual award will be bestowed to one surgeon and one trainee who has shown substantial commitment to the betterment of surgery for rural populations and to the practice of the surgical arts through education, advocacy, and dedication.

Dr G W Fitzgerald believed that a rural general surgeon should be willing to “move heaven and earth” for the care of their patients. Nominees should embody this spirit to be considered for the award.”

Practicing General Surgeon Award Criteria:

This award is given to an individual who has served a rural practice in some capacity for over 10 years and who has gone beyond the call of duty for his/her community and patients. The award criteria for the G. William N. Fitzgerald Award for Excellence in Rural Surgery.

Includes:

- Must be a CAGS member in good standing
- Serving a rural practice for at least 10 years
- Must demonstrate strong interactions and assimilations into the community socially and professionally
- Advocates for Rural Surgery at a Provincial or National Level
- Shows leadership in public health or quality assurance in their hospital/practice
- Engages in teaching – of students, nurses, residents, or other doctors
- Uses innovative approaches to adapt rural practice to meet modern standards
- Ensures needs of the patient are met based on the broadest possible interpretation of the determinants of health
- The award will be open to members across Canada

A second, associated award will concurrently be awarded to a **resident** or **medical student** who demonstrates a commitment to rural surgery by advocating for, researching or focusing their training on rural communities. Time will not be a factor in this award.

Trainee Award Criteria:

The trainee award honours a medical student or resident who has dedicated their efforts to the practice of rural surgery, either through research, advocacy, or active rural training, and who has shown promising leadership in the future and sustenance of rural surgical practice.”

- Must be a CAGS student or resident member
- Demonstrates strong interactions/assimilations into the community socially and professionally.
- Electives and rotations have focused on rural medicine (Note: Medical student electives are

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not all surgical)

- Advocates for Rural Surgery at a Provincial or National Level
- Shows leadership in public health or quality assurance in their training program
- Engages in research into rural medical issues or attends rural conferences to improve their understanding of rural surgery in Canada
- Uses innovative approaches to adapt training to meet rural practice needs (i.e. additional techniques, ultrasound training, wilderness medicine courses, etc.)
- The award will be open to members across Canada.

An honorarium to a maximum of \$1500 is available for travel (or accommodation or registration fee) to the CSF will be presented to each recipient of the award so that they may be able to receive their award in person after the CAGS Presidential Address.

The Canadian Surgery Forum will take place in 2019 from September 5-7 in Montreal, QC. The awards will be presented on Friday, September 6 following the CAGS presidential address at 10:00am.