Postgraduate Medical Education Valedictorian Award

Purpose

The Postgraduate Medical Education Valedictorian Award is an honor that recognizes exceptional academic achievements, leadership qualities, and contributions to postgraduate medical education at Queen's University and the affiliated teaching sites. The recipient of this award should be a resident who is graduating that calendar year, is well-rounded, goes above and beyond, and embodies all roles in the CanMEDS/CanMEDS FM framework. The winner of this award will represent the graduating class with a speech (5-10 minutes in length) at Convocation.

Guidelines

Program leadership, resident and administrative staff may nominate potential candidates to the PGME office. A notice of the award will be posted on the PGME website with a link to the nomination form.

The deadline for nominations will be communicated via email and on the website.

Nominations must include a written statement from the nominator explaining why the nominee deserves the award.

Before nomination, the nominator must notify the nominees to obtain their permission to be considered for the award as the recipient will be giving a speech at PGME Convocation.

If nominated by someone other than the Program Director, the nomination will be reviewed with the Program Director to ensure the nominee meets the requirements of the award.

A committee, including the PGME Associate Dean as the Chair, four resident representatives from PGMEC, and a representative from the PGME office, will select the award recipient based on the nomination letters. The PGME Associate Dean will notify the award recipient and their Program Director by May 1 of each year.