

Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration

Call for Nominations for the Annual National Student and Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration

February 1, 2010

Dear Directors of CAPPa Member Programs:

The National Student and Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration, a joint initiative of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPPa), aims to recognize talent in Canadian schools at the regional level and at the national level. It will promote excellence in public administration and showcase the top talent emerging from Canadian programs each year.

Criteria and Procedures

1. Selecting winners:

CAPPa members will solicit and judge entries (best paper, best professional report, or best graduating student, however defined) from their students, and select a winner in the undergraduate and/or graduate levels (as applicable to each department). Representatives from the IPAC regional group will be asked to help with the adjudication. Together, the students from each program are the National Student Award winners.

2. Giving local recognition:

We encourage programs, departments and schools to hold recognition events for the winners. Again, you may want to approach your local IPAC group to provide recognition. In some cases the local regional group may have more than one university in their catchment area, so the range of winners will be broader.

3. National recognition on web sites:

The winning entries will be celebrated by IPAC and CAPPa on their respective websites. The names, contact information, brief bios, and synopsis of the accomplishment of the top graduate and/or undergraduate students will be forwarded to CAPPa at the contact point noted below. The deadline for receiving these packages is **June 1, 2010**.

4. The IPAC National Conference, August 22-25, 2010, Ottawa, Ontario:

- The winners from every program will receive an invitation to the IPAC national conference. The IPAC Endowment Fund has committed to paying the registration fees for the winners. Each program would be responsible for securing funding for winners to the IPAC conference (travel and hotel). We are hopeful that funding can be solicited from multiple sources: university travel funds for students, student societies, your program resources, local and provincial governments, IPAC regional groups, and local sponsors.
- All of the National Student Award winners will be asked to participate in a poster session describing their best piece of research or analysis.
- A jury will select and rank the three best poster presentations for the Thought Leadership Awards. The Gold winner will receive \$1000, the Silver winner will receive \$500, and the Bronze winner will receive \$250. The winners will also be recognized on the IPAC and CAPPa web sites.
- A social event will be jointly organized to honour all the participants and the National Student and Thought Leadership Award winners (precise time to be announced).

We look forward to receiving notification of your top students by **June 1, 2010**. For each nomination, please include:

- nominator's name and contact information
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- a brief bio (no more than 100 words); and
- synopsis of accomplishment

Please forward all nominations to youngb@uvic.ca. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Belle Young at youngb@uvic.ca; 250-721-8056, or Gabriella Ciampini at gciampini@ipac.ca; 416-924-8787 x223.

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