The awards began in the spring of 2002 with the mandate to recognize talented individuals and outstanding companies in Nova Scotia for their national and international work in the science and technology fields. The awards bring together universities, corporations, businesses, government and the local community for an evening of celebration, where we honour people whose leading edge work have helped make Nova Scotia a leader in science and technology innovation. Our award recipients put science achievement in the minds of the local community along with serving as role models for youth who may well be our scientists of the future.

Recognized by six award categories

- **Hall of Fame** – Individuals who have achieved outstanding lifetime contributions to science and technology (determined by committee)
- **Science Champion** – an individual who promotes science and technology to the public in above and beyond the normal avenues of communication
- **Innovation** – a company that has produced a commercially viable product or service and is ready or has already launched it into the market
- **Professional of Distinction** – an individual who is a leading innovator, a role model for people who choose science as a career
- **Emerging Professional of Distinction** – an individual under the age of 35 who demonstrates intellectual achievements, excellence and potential for ongoing growth and development
- **Youth** – A student or students who has been recognized by the Nova Scotia Science Fairs as worthy of being recognized for his or her outstanding achievements (Determined by Canada Wide Science Fair NS Gold recipient)

Nominations for the awards begin in January (deadline end of May) and the final selection by our committees is made in September. Nominations are sought throughout the province with calls going out to universities, innovation centres, government, colleges, science and technology associations, and the media. Each category can have only three finalists, all of whom participate in the final presentation in November. Only one in each category receives an award except in the Hall of Fame where several people may be entered in one year.

**Discovery Centre Background**

Discovery Centre is Atlantic Canada's premier science centre. The Centre helps to build scientific literacy and positive attitudes towards science by empowering youth with knowledge and sharing with them structured experiences in a safe, stimulating environment. We strive to make science fun, interactive and creative from an early age, to inspire science literacy and maintain their involvement in science throughout their schooling and to consider the sciences as a career path. The Centre opened in 1990 and is a registered charity (#108076662RR0001). It is governed by a board of directors, employs fifty-two people, and offers a variety of programs and services (such as: workshops, exhibits, youth day camps, outreach programs and planetarium shows).
Past Recipients List

Hall of Fame

2017

- **Peter Allen**, Ph.D., recognized for his contributions to the solar energy research and development community.
- **William Howard Feindel**, Ph.D., (post-humously) recognized for his outstanding contributions to neurosurgical research and development of medical diagnostic equipment.

2016

- **Jeff Dahn**, Ph.D., Recognized as one of the pioneering developers of the lithium-ion battery that is now used worldwide in laptop computers and cell-phones.
- **Henry Marshall Tory** (post-humously) For his leadership in establishing world-renowned Universities and research labs across Canada.

2015

- **Axel Becke**, Ph.D., a physical chemist, is one of the most referenced researchers in the world (over 100,000 citations). He is credited with accurately modelling the motion of electrons in atoms, molecules, and solids.
- **George C. Baker**, (post-humously), an early champion of tidal power and instrumental in the creation of the Fundy Environmental Science Committee which oversaw the first study of the Bay of Fundy.

2014

- **Leo Vining**, Ph.D., (post-humously), recognized worldwide as one of the greatest chemical biologists in the field of natural production of antibiotics, member of Canadian Society of Microbiology, and Professor Emeritus of Dalhousie University.
- **Charlotte Keen**, Ph.D., internationally-renowned marine geophysicist and a research scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography.

2013
• **George Geoffrey Meyerhof**, Ph.D., (post-humously), served as the Dean of Faculty of Engineering at the Nova Scotia Technical College (later TUNS, now Dalhousie), Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the F.H. Sexton Award.

• **Thomas John (Jock) Murray**, Ph.D., internationally known neurologist, founder and director of the Dalhousie Multiple Sclerosis Research Unit in Halifax.

  2012

• **Sir J. William Dawson** (post-humously), helped put Joggins on the map and was the first Canadian-born scientist of international reputation.

• **Dr. Roy Bishop**, Ph.D., professor emeritus and Honorary Research Associate of Physics at Acadia University.

  2011

• **Dr. Donald Hebb** (post-humously), described as the father of neuropsychology, he was president of both the Canadian and American Psychological Associations and awarded eight honourary degrees.

• **Dr. W. Ford Doolittle**, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), Dalhousie University.

  2010

• **Dr. Enid Johnson** (post-humously), the first anesthetist to administer a muscle relaxant (curare) during surgery.

• **Dr. Arthur McDonald** performing groundbreaking research in neutrinos, Queens University

  2009

• **Oswald Avery** (post-humously), key scientist in molecular biology whose contributions include DNA and its role in genetics.

• **Dr. Brian Hall**, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus (Biology), Dalhousie University
2008

- **Donald Crowdis**, served as the Nova Scotia Museum as Curator and Director, one of the first popular hosts of CBC The Nature of Things, a fellow of the Canadian Museum Association and the Royal Arts Society.


2007

- **Frederick Sexton** (post-humously), CBE, Director of the Technical Education of Nova Scotia and Principal of the Nova Scotia Technical College, Halifax

- **Dr. Robert Ackman**, Ph.D., O.C., retired, Canadian Institute of Fisheries Technology and Dalhousie University, Halifax

- **Dr. Ransom Myers** (post-humously), Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics and Biology, Dalhousie University, Halifax

2006

- **Dr. Nancy Lane**, D.Phi., Sc.D., LLD (Hon), D.Sc.(Hon),F.I.Biol.,OBE, Cell Biologist and Senior Research Associate, Zoology Department of Cambridge University, England

- **Alexander Graham Bell** (post-humously), PhD (Hon), Legion of Honour, Baddeck, NS.

2005

- **Dr. Erwin Zodrow**, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Geology, Cape Breton University, Sydney

- **Dr. Charles Huggins** (post-humously), Nobel Prize Winner, Chancellor Acadia University, Wolfville

2003

- **Willard Boyle**, Nobel Prize winner, Physicist, retired Executive Director of Research, Communications Sciences Division, Bell Labs and co-inventor of the Charge Coupled Device, Halifax
• **Abraham Gesner** (post-humously), physician, geologist, chemist, inventor, professor & author

• **Dr. Mary Anne White**, Killam Professor, Materials Science and Chemistry and Physics, Dalhousie University, Halifax

2002

• **Dr. Richard Goldbloom, O.C., M.D., C.M., F.R.C.P.C**, Professor of Pediatrics (Emeritus), Dalhousie University & the IWK Health centre

• **Dr. Kelvin Ogilvie, C.M., PhD., D.Sc., F.C.I.C.**, Past President & Vice Chancellor, Acadia University

• **Elinor Nicoll, MEd.**, retired teacher, Halifax Regional School Board
Professional of Distinction

2017 – Jason Clyburne, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, Dalhousie University, Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Environmental Studies and Materials
2016 – James Robar, Ph.D., Director, Dalhousie Medical Physics, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2015 – Orlando Hung, Ph.D., MD, Professor, Dept of Anesthesia Surgery and Pharmacology, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2014 – Sherry Stewart, Ph.D., Professor, Dept.’s of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2013 – Noni MacDonald, MD, & Michael Graven, MD, Professors, Department of Pediatrics, Dalhousie University as well as in the IWK Health Centre, Halifax
2012 – Ron O’Dor, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2011 – Dr. Kenneth Lee, Ph.D., Executive Director, Centre for Offshore Oil, Gas, and Energy Research, Halifax
2010 – Dr. Patrick Lee, Ph.D., Professor in the Departments of Pathology and Microbiology & Immunology, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2009 – Dr. Susan Bryson, Ph.D., Professor of Pediatrics, Dalhousie University, and Chair of the IWK Autism Research Centre, Halifax
2008 – Dr. Jeffery Dahn, Ph.D., Professor of Physics and Chemistry, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2007 – Dr. Micheal Quilliam, Ph.D., Principal Research Officer, NRC Institute for Marine Biosciences, Halifax
2006 – Dr. Donald Weaver, MD., Ph.D., FRCPC, Canada Research Chair, Professor of Medicine and Chemistry, School of Biomedical Engineering, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2005 – Dr. Jock Murray, O.C., M.D., Dean of Dalhousie Medical School, Director of Dalhousie Multiple Sclerosis Research Unit, Chief of Medicine at Camp Hill Hospital, Head of the Neurology at Camp Hill Hospital and Royal College Program Director, Halifax
2003 – Dr. Ivar Mendez, Professor of Surgery (Division of Neurosurgery, Dalhousie), Chair of the Brain Repair Centre, Director of Research of the Dept. of Surgery, Director of the Neural Transplantation Laboratory, Halifax
2002 – Dr. W. Ford Doolittle, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Dalhousie University, Halifax
Science Champion

2017 – Matthew Lukeman, Ph.D., Chemistry Professor, Acadia University, Wolfville, NS
2016 – Boris Worm, Ph.D., Marine Research Ecologist and Associate Professor, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2015 – Rob Thacker, Ph.D., Professor & Canada Research Chair in Computational Physics, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax
2014 – Jeff Hutchings, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, and Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Chair in Fish, Fisheries, and Oceans at Dalhousie University
2013 – Richard Zurawski, M.A, part time lecturer at Mount Saint Vincent University, author, and meteorologist and radio personality, Halifax
2012 – Dr. John Young, Professor Emeritus, Department of Chemistry, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax
2011 – Dr. Daniel Silver, Ph.D., Dean, Department of Computer Science, Acadia University, Wolfville
2010 – Dr. Martha Jones, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Biology, Cape Breton University, Sydney
2009 – Dr. Truis Smith-Palmer, Ph.D., Chemist and Professor, Department of Chemistry, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish
2008 – Dr. Adam J. Sarty, Professor, Department of Physics, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax
2007 – David J. Lane, Astronomy Technician and High Performance Computing System Administrator, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax
2006 – Dr. Gerhard Stroink, Ph.D., Professor of Physics, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2005 – Dr. Robert Fournier, Professor, Oceanography, Dalhousie, Guest Scientist on CBC Information Morning, Halifax
2003 – Dr. Richard Wassersug, Professor in the Dept. of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2002 – Dr. Graham Daborn, Professor of Biology and Director of Acadia Centre for Estuarine Research, Acadia University, Wolfville.
Innovation

2017 – Densitas Inc., Halifax

2016 – Natural Ocean Products, Halifax

2015 – Decell Technologies, Halifax

2014 – Carbon Cure Technologies Inc., Halifax

2013 – SENSElab, Halifax

2012 – DeNovaMed, Halifax

2011 – Elekta Atlantic, Halifax

2010 – Resolution Optics, Halifax

2009 – Origin BioMed, Halifax

2008 – Atlantic Fibre Technology, Halifax

2007 – ImmunoVaccine Technologies, Halifax

2006 – Enerscan Engineering, Halifax

2005 – Advanced Glazings, Sydney

2003 – MedMira Laboratories Inc., Halifax
Emerging Professional

2017 - Ghada Koleilat, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Dalhousie University, Halifax

2016 – Alec Falkenham, Ph.D. Candidate, Dalhousie University, Halifax

2015 – Nick Nickerson, Ph.D., Chief Scientist, Eosense, Dartmouth

2014 – Robin Urquhart, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Surgery, Dalhousie University, Halifax

2013 – Christa Brosseau, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax

2012 – Dr. Simon Sherry, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Dalhousie University, Halifax

2011 – Dr. Jill Chorney, Ph.D., Centre for Pediatric Pain Research, IWK Health Centre & Dalhousie University, Halifax

2010 – Dr. Christopher Barden, Ph.D. Chief Operating Officer, DeNovaMed, Halifax

2009 – Dr. Marie-Claude Gregoire, MD, MSc, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Dalhousie University, and Staff Physician of the IWK Pediatric Palliative Care Service, Halifax

2008 – Dr. Ryan C.N. Darcy, Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Radiology and an Adjunct Professor at the Neuroscience Institute, Dalhousie University, Halifax

2007 – Dr. Christine Chambers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Psychology, Dalhousie Universit and the Dept. of Pediatrics at the IWK Health Centre, Halifax

2006 – Dr. David Risk, Ph.D., Professor, Environmental Sciences Research Centre, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish

2005 – Dr. Jason Gu, Ph.D., Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University, Halifax

2003 – Nicole Collison, Defence Scientist, Defence R&D Canada-Atlantic, Halifax

2002 – Doug MacLaren, PhD Student, Dept. of Chemistry, Dalhousie University, Halifax
Youth Award

2017 - Janani Venkat (Antibacterial Effects of Microemulsified Oils & Chitosan Nanoparticles) Bedford Academy, Bedford, NS

2017 – Anisha Rajaselvan (The Answer to Cancer: Killing Breast Cancer Cells with Triptolide), Sacred Heart School of Halifax, NS

2016 – Sophie Fraser (Common Sensors: Impact Sensors for Helmets), King's-Edgehill School, Annapolis Valley, Windsor

2015 – Maria Duynisveld (Eggs-aming the Connection Between Foraging Behaviour and Egg Characteristics), Pugwash District High School, Pugwash

2015 – Rachel Brouwer (Can We Improve the Quality of Water in Developing and Third World Countries?), Bedford Academy, Bedford

2014 – Robert MacDonald (Tornado Outbreaks: Finding Mechanical and Thermodynamic Relationships), J.L. Ilsley High School, Halifax

2013 – Harishitaa Prithiviraj (Divided We Fade, United We Cure!!), Bible Hill Junior High School, Bible Hill

2012 – Ellen Song (Aroma Precursor Treatments), Horton High School, Wolfville

2011 – Brandon Fillmore (Lateral Balance System), Bible Hill Junior High

2011 – Megan Smith and Charlotte Donaldson (Spinal Board), Hants East Rural High School

2010 – Chantal Surette (L'Appareil Orque”, l'Ecole Secondaire de Clare, Meteghan

2009 – Todd Mercer (The Mow Pod), Cape Breton University & Riverview High School, Sydney

2008 – Todd Mercer & Mike MacIsaac (The Amazing Alter Leg), Riverview High School, Sydney

2007 – Oliver Hatheway and Darren Rodenhizer, (The Economizer Engine), Park View Education Centre, Halifax

2006 – Abeer Hasan, (The Biodegradable Cup), Bedford South School, Halifax