

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CCPA Indigenous Practice Award</b> Note: Indigenous includes all Original Peoples of the land now called Canada, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To honour excellence in advancing culturally safe counselling and psychotherapy services for Indigenous Peoples in Canada.
<b>AMOUNT OF AWARD</b>	\$500 (plus a certificate)
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<p><b>As this is a special award, the nominee must meet all criteria outlined in the special award preamble including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>self-nomination is not permissible .</b></li> <li>• The nominee must be a CCPA Professional member in good standing who is nominated by two fellow CCPA members in good standing.</li> <li>• Contributions must be above and beyond the scope of their employment.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the following criteria apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nominee is currently engaged with Indigenous Peoples, community(ies) or contexts as a counsellor/psychotherapist.</li> <li>• The nominee is involved in ongoing professional development related to issues that impact Indigenous Peoples.</li> <li>• The nominee integrates Indigenous ways of knowing and healing in their practice as a counsellor/psychotherapist.</li> <li>• The nominee may be engaged in advocacy related to Indigenous mental health.</li> <li>• The nominee does not have to self-identify as an Indigenous person although must clearly demonstrate their relationship to the Indigenous community they work with.</li> </ul>
<b>NOMINATION PROCESS</b>	<p>Nominators must submit the following to <a href="mailto:awards@ccpa-accp.ca">awards@ccpa-accp.ca</a> using the subject line “Indigenous Practice Award” and name of nominee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A completed CCPA Awards Application Form, curriculum vitae and letters of reference from both nominators that outline the nominee’s contribution to the counselling / psychotherapy profession by means of their involvement with Indigenous Peoples, communities and contexts.</li> <li>• The letters of reference and curriculum vitae should address the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ how the nominee’s work has promoted the health and well-being of Indigenous Peoples.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ how the nominee has advanced awareness of issues that impact Indigenous Peoples, communities and context.</li> <li>○ how the nominee has undertaken ongoing professional development related to issues affecting Indigenous Peoples, communities and contexts.</li> </ul> <p>Letters of reference and letters/attestations of support for community members could include but are not limited to the following: :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How long the nominee has been working with community.</i></li> <li>• <i>How is the nominee contributing to and advocating for Indigenous mental health?</i></li> <li>• <i>What the nominee has learned from working with community.</i></li> <li>• <i>How the nominee has been impacted by their work in the community.</i></li> <li>• <i>How the nominee is promoting the health and well-being of Indigenous Peoples.</i></li> <li>• <i>The nominee’s connection to Indigenous and traditional ways of knowing and living– and how this goes beyond their practice.</i></li> </ul>
<b>ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b>	<p>Nominees for the above distinguished special award can be posed by any member of the Association, other than the nominee. To be chosen, the nominee must have the recommendation of the Indigenous Director, the Executive, as well as two-thirds majority of the CCPA Board of Directors.</p>