



Environmental Studies Association of Canada
l'Association canadienne d'études environnementales

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 ECO-AWARD

The **Environmental Studies Association of Canada** (ESAC) is pleased to call for nominations for the annual Environmental Community's Organizer (ECO-Award). Each year, the ECO-Award honours an individual, team, or organization which has positively contributed to the field of environmental studies in Canada through community-building, research, knowledge-to-action, or innovations in practice or approaches.

This award was created during ESAC's 2012 annual meeting in Waterloo, Ontario. Past honoured recipients are Kira Jade Cooper (2012), Ella Haley (2013), Dave Ireland (2014), the *Under Western Skies* conference at Mount Royal University, directed by Robert Boschman and Liam Haggarty (2015), and Hives for Humanity (2016).

The ECO-Award selection committee will evaluate nominees based on the following general criteria, The nominee:

- works within the field of environmental studies in Canada;
- contributes to community-building within the field of environmental studies through the creation of partnerships, networks, relationships and projects;
- demonstrates collaborative and reciprocal relationships and partnerships to address issues of importance to the field of environmental studies;
- increases environmental awareness through knowledge-sharing and outreach activities;
- encourages environmental action and empowers and supports others to become involved in activities related to the field of environmental studies; and
- promotes the mobilization of environmental knowledge and research to action and practice.

Nominations for or applications from individuals, groups, or organizations who work in interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral teams to advance the field of environmental studies through the development, enhancement or expansion of innovative collaborations and networks are particularly encouraged.

The nomination form is attached below and is also at <http://esac.ca/eco-award>. Nominations are due electronically by midnight PST on **Monday, May 1** to Geo Takach, ESAC's ECO-Award Committee chair, at geo.takach@royalroads.ca.

Selection of the award will be made by a subcommittee of ESAC's board of directors. Winners will be notified in approximately mid-May and officially announced and honoured at ESAC's **annual conference at Ryerson University from May 30–June 1**. That conference forms part of the **2017 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences**.

This award is made possible by a healthy level of participation and membership in Canada's environmental-studies community. All nominators and nominees are keenly encouraged to participate in ESAC by maintaining their ESAC memberships or becoming members. You are welcome in our community of scholars and practitioners!

We are grateful to the media sponsorship for the ECO-Award kindly provided by *Alternatives Journal*.

Nomination guidelines

ESAC invites nominations are being sought for individuals, groups, or organizations who/which have contributed positively to the field of environmental studies in Canada through community-building, research, knowledge-to-action, or innovations in practice or approaches. When preparing your nomination, please provide information that demonstrates excellence in this area, and clearly illustrate how this work has had a positive impact on the field of environmental studies within the framework of the award criteria.

Required information

1. **Name, position, and full contact information of the nominator and name, position, and full contact information of the nominee(s)**, and indication if this is an individual or team nomination (self-nominations are also welcome).
2. **Description of initiative/work/project:** In plain language, please describe the initiative, work, or project of the individual, group, or organization you are nominating, using the following questions as optional thought-starters (no more than 750 words total):
 - How does the nominee(s)'s initiative, work, or project contribute to community-building within the field of environmental studies?
 - How does the nominee(s)'s initiative, work, or project demonstrate collaborative and reciprocal relationships and partnerships to address issues of importance within environmental studies? ^[1]_[SEP]
 - How does the nominee(s)'s initiative, work, or project increase environmental awareness through knowledge-sharing and outreach activities?
 - How does the nominee(s)'s initiative, work, or project encourage environmental action and empower or support others to become involved in activities or initiatives related to environmental studies? ^[1]_[SEP]
 - How does the nominee(s)'s initiative, work, or project promote knowledge mobilization and action? ^[1]_[SEP]
 - How does the nominee(s)'s initiative, work, or project benefit others or environmental studies in Canada?
 - Is this a one-time project, or is it ongoing?
 - Are there any other aspects of the nominee(s)'s initiative, work, or project that you wish to highlight?
3. **Letters of support:** Please include 1–3 letters of support to validate the nomination and provide further information or testimony about the value and impact of the nominee's work, and the suitability of the individual, group or organization for this award.

Optional information

- Biography or CV(s) of the nominee(s)
- Any other information, such as photographs, testimonials, media coverage or items, publications, or video, which may illustrate the quality, suitability and impacts of the nominee(s) for this award and may be helpful to the selection committee.

Please direct any questions and submit nominations via email to ESAC c/o Geo Takach, geo.takach@royalroads.ca. Submissions are due by **Monday, May 1, 2017** at midnight PST.

About the Environmental Studies Association of Canada (ESAC)

- ESAC was formed in 1993 to further research and teaching activities in areas related to environmental studies in Canada. ESAC is a non-profit, federally incorporated, bilingual organization open to membership from individuals, educational institutions, government agencies, and private sector and non-profit organizations. To join ESAC or for more information, please visit <http://esac.ca>.
- For more information about ESAC's upcoming 2017 Conference at Ryerson University, please visit <http://esac.ca/annual-conference>.
- For more information about the Congress of the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences, please visit <http://congress2017.ca>.
- For information on our fine media sponsor, *Alternatives Journal*, visit <http://www.alternativesjournal.ca>.

ESAC's ECO-Award nomination form

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name:

Position:

Email:

Daytime phone:

Mailing address:

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name:

The nominee is a(n): Individual Group/Team Organization

If the nominee is not an individual, then please provide the name of a primary contact person and complete contact information for this person:

Primary contact person:

Position:

Email:

Daytime phone:

Mailing address:

DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE/WORK/PROJECT (750 words maximum)

DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE/WORK/PROJECT, continued

ATTACHMENTS

Please list all attachments to this nomination form (i.e. at least one required reference letter and the optional information, e.g. bio or CV, and photograph, of the nominee, relevant media coverage, etc.).