

Award of Merit

Initiated in 1984, the Award of Merit is the highest honor the Association gives to one of its members and is presented at the annual AACUSS Conference or AGM. The Award is based on merit and, therefore, may not be presented every year.

The Award of Merit is presented in recognition of the following:

- Significant achievement and distinguished contribution to the development and promotion of student services in the Atlantic Region and active participation within the Association itself
- Active participation within AACUSS, committees, divisions, or the executive.
- Active participation includes long-standing involvement (10+ years) with the association through participation at annual AACUSS conferences, workshop facilitation, presentations, undertaking research, mentoring, leadership, or advocacy on regional issues
- Award of Merit recipients are well-respected contributors to Student Affairs in Atlantic Canada and have made significant contributions to their campus communities.

Minimum Criteria Check

- o Long-standing (10+) years membership and involvement in AACUSS
- o Support letters (minimum 2, maximum 5, no more than 500 words each)

Assessment Criteria	15 Excellent	8 Sufficient	3 Poor	0 No Evidence	Score
The nominee is a well-respected contributor to Student Affairs & Services in Atlantic Canada and to their campus community	Letters of support and testimonials speak to a far-reaching impact on Student Affairs and Services in Atlantic Canada and their campus communities.	Letters of support and testimonials speak to a sufficient impact on Student Affairs and Services in Atlantic Canada and on their campus communities.	Letters of support and testimonials focus on contributions that have had a limited impact either on the Student Affairs and	No explanation presented	/15

			Services in Atlantic Canada and on their campus communities.		
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The nominee has actively participated in AACUSS.	The nominee has a history of active participation within AACUSS, demonstrated by long-standing involvement with the association through participation at annual conferences, workshop facilitation, presentations, research, mentoring, leadership, or advocacy related to student services, service on the AACUSS Executive.	The nominee demonstrates some active participation with AACUSS; or engaged with AACUSS periodically; or involved in AACUSS activities to a lesser extent over a longer period.	The nominee has limited active participation with AACUSS.	No demonstration of active participation in the organization	/15

<p>The nominee has demonstrated significant and distinguished contributions over several years advancing student affairs and services on their campus and in Atlantic Canada</p>	<p>Many examples of how they have advanced student affairs and services on their campus, regionally, and nationally</p>	<p>A few examples of how they have advanced student affairs and services on their campus and regionally</p>	<p>Only one example of how they have advanced student affairs and services on their campus or regionally</p>	<p>No evidence provided</p>	<p>/15</p>
<p>Total Score: (Maximum 45 Points)</p>					<p>/45</p>