**Margaret Ridley Charlton Award of Outstanding Achievement**

**Goal: To recognize health information professionals who have made a significant contribution do the field of health sciences librarianship in Canada.**

**Nomination Process & Eligibility:**

Nominations must be received by February 1st each year, and submitted to the CHLA/ABSC Past President <past-president@chla-absc.ca> and copied to the President <president@chla-absc.ca>.

For a nomination to be considered for this award, the following must be fulfilled as part of the nomination process:

* Application was received by the deadline
* A detailed description of the nominee’s contributions to the field of health sciences librarianship must be provided by the nominators. For the purposes of this award, contributions to the field of health sciences librarianship are demonstrated by the following criteria:
	+ Service to CHLA/ABSC, its Chapters, or any other health library organization;
	+ Impact on health science library services, programs or librarianship;
	+ Mentoring/leadership;
	+ Education/training;
	+ Advocacy;
	+ Scholarly activities
* A letter of support verifying the application details by a manager or co-worker
* A covering letter providing all the contact details, including full name and address of the organization that employs the nominee

To be eligible for the Margaret Ridley Charlton Award of Outstanding Achievement, nominees must be registered as members in good standing of CHLA-ABSC **AND** fulfill at least one of the following:

* be currently employed as a health sciences librarian, or
* have been a health sciences librarian for part of a currently active career.

**Evaluation:**

The following rubric (see next page) is used to rank nominations according to the evaluation criteria.

The principles behind this evaluation rubric are fairness, objectivity, simplicity and transparency.

The highest possible score is 100. For a nomination to be eligible for the award the total score must be 50 points or higher (50%)[[1]](#footnote-1).

| **Assessment Criteria** | **Evaluation** |
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| **Description** | **Points** | **Nomination 1****Score** | **Nomination 2****Score** | **Nomination 3****Score** | **Notes for discussion** |
| **Service:** The nominee has served on committees, task forces, or in a leadership role in CHLA/ABSC, one of its Chapters or another health library organization | **25** |   |   |   |   |
| **Impact:**The nominee developed or implemented a program or service which serves as a model for other health science libraries **OR** The nominee developed tools or techniques which had a significant positive impact on health librarianship (e.g. efficiency gain- time, effort, resources saved) | **20** |  |  |  |  |
| **Mentorship:**The nominee is a considered to be mentor/model and has inspired others within their organization, the association, or the profession throughout their career. | **15** |  |  |  |  |
| **Education/training:**The nominee has contributed to the continued professional development of health science library professionals (e.g. formal courses, workshops, journal clubs, communities of practice, etc.) | **15** |   |   |   |   |
| **Advocacy:**The nominee has made notable contributions to demonstrate the value of health science libraries and health science library professionals. | **15** |   |   |   |   |
| **Scholarly activities:** The nominee has made significant scholarly contributions over the course of their career, including conference presentations, research publications, book editing, serving on journal editorial boards, peer reviewing, blogging or other online resources. | **10** |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Overall Score (max = 100):** | **100** |   |   |   |   |

1. To calculate the total score across Board members:

The mean for each submission shall be used when scores are evenly distributed from 36-90 (36, 45, 56, 65, 78, 90) or scores are all similar in the 70-90 range, for example.

The median for each submission shall be used when scores are similar in the range of 70-90, but one Board member gives it a 36, for example.

See <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/mean_vs._median_what_do_they_mean_and_when_do_you_use_them> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)