

# The Global Excellence Initiative



Canada has a strong record of research excellence, deserving of recognition and celebration. Canadians excel in every field, producing world-class research that is addressing some of the greatest challenges of our time and improving the lives of people everywhere. Despite punching above its weight in international research circles, Canada has traditionally been under-represented among award winners of prestigious international prizes.

Launched in 2012 by Canada's 28th Governor General, David Johnston, the goal of the Global Excellence Initiative is to markedly enhance Canada's research profile on the global stage while celebrating researchers in Canada who have received globally benchmarked prizes.

Recognizing and celebrating researchers in Canada contributes to a culture of innovation and enhances the pride we have in our country, spurring Canadians toward excellence.

**Universities Canada encourages institutions to identify meritorious candidates for prestigious national and international awards and to submit nominations on their behalf.**

## THE GLOBAL EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE AIMS TO:

1

Increase the number of national and international research prizes won by Canadian researchers and promote a culture of excellence.

2

Increase Canadians' awareness of the contributions of leading Canadian researchers and inspiring young Canadians to pursue academic studies and careers in research, whether in industry, academia, or government laboratories.

3

Increase global awareness of Canadian research excellence, augmenting Canada's visibility as a top location for study and research.

## THE GLOBAL EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT TO RESEARCHERS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS:



## EXTERNAL REVIEW SERVICE

Building on the known strengths of peer review, the external review of nominations for national and international prizes is a process that allows for constructive comments and feedback from experts in the field of study relevant to the award, with the aim of strengthening the nomination dossier and increasing chances of success.

Reviewers are selected from a pool of Canadian and international subject matter-experts and high-profile individuals who have been successful in obtaining international awards and prizes. Reviews are anonymous and conducted in confidence, unless the reviewer expresses interest in self-identifying to the nominee and nominating institution.

Universities Canada coordinates the external review of draft nomination packages from submitting institutions and serves as the liaison between nominating institutions (and their nominees), and the reviewers offering valuable feedback.

**Use this form to notify the GEI Program Specialist about a forthcoming nomination.**

## INVENTORY OF AWARDS:

An inventory of prestigious [national](#) and [international](#) research awards eligible for external review is updated regularly, complete with important information about the nomination process and award deadlines.

## AWARDS NEWSLETTER:

A quarterly newsletter with updates, highlights, opinion pieces on best practices and upcoming award deadlines is published quarterly. To subscribe to the newsletter, [click here](#).

## TALENT SCOUTING:

The Global Excellence Initiative Canvassing Committee and the international correspondence group identifies potential nominees for international awards and communicates with the candidate's institution to start the nomination process.

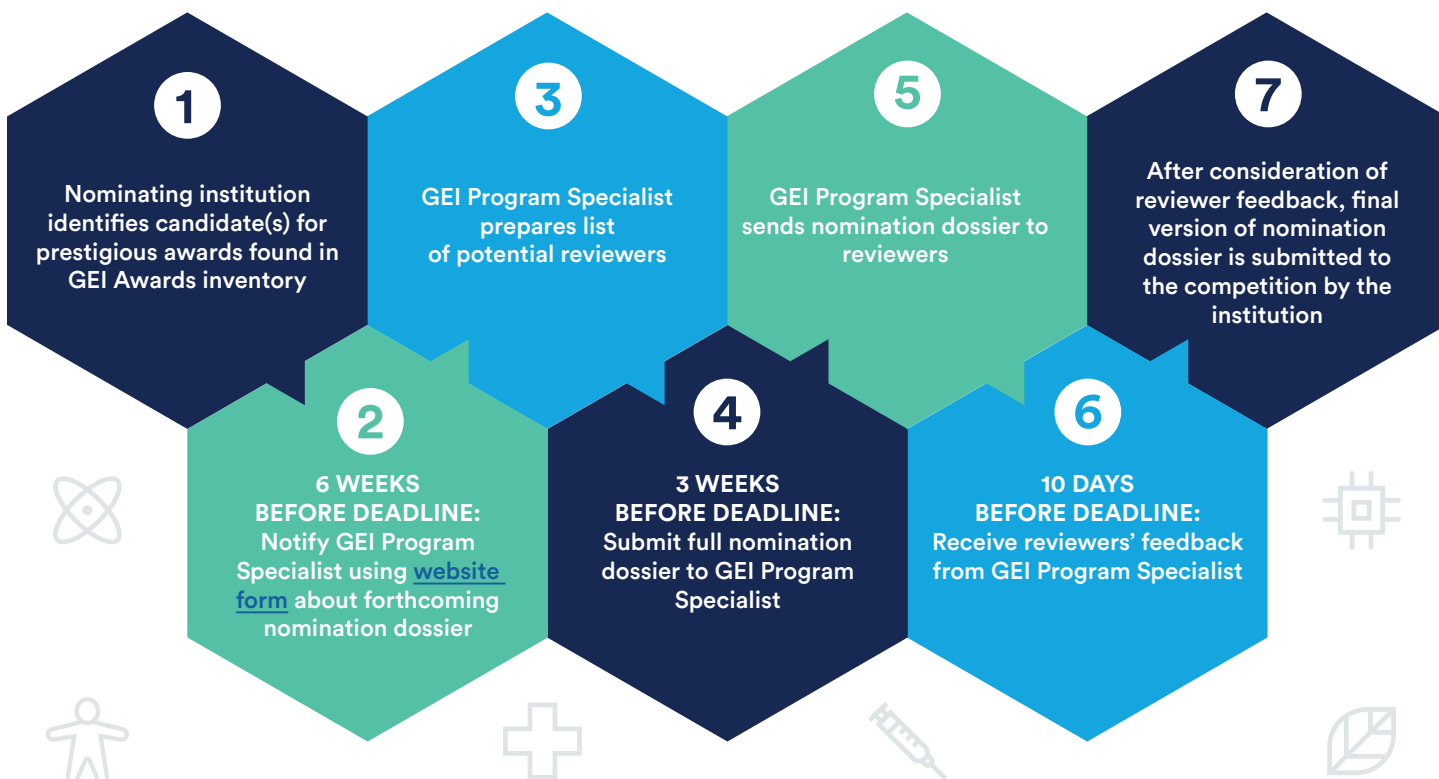
## KNOWLEDGE SHARING:

Through hosting and facilitating webinars, the Global Excellence Initiative provides opportunities for nominators and nominees in various disciplines and stages of their careers to learn from each other's experiences in compiling successful nomination dossiers.

## RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION:

Every year, Universities Canada profiles researchers in Canada in its publication *Canadian excellence, Global recognition: Celebrating Canada's winners of major international research awards*. The document is distributed widely among research institutions, government agencies and Canadian diplomats abroad. The Global Excellence Initiative periodically hosts celebratory events and provides opportunities for research recognition.

## THE EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS OPERATES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:



ADMINISTERED BY:



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



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