

CASCA Awards for Teaching Excellence (CATE)

The CASCA Awards for Teaching Excellence (CATE) have been established to recognize the contributions to excellence in teaching and student learning in anthropology. Two awards will be made every year at our annual conference. The first award is for instructors who teach on a “per course” basis, or who hold a limited-term faculty position that extends over no more than two years. The second award is for those holding permanent faculty positions (such as term-limited appointments longer than two years, tenure-track appointments, or tenured positions).

Eligibility:

1. CATE – Course Instructors

Nominees must teach at a Canadian university or college, hold a PhD, be members of CASCA, and have taught as the primary instructor in at least four anthropology-focused courses over the past five years. This award is for those who teach on a “per course” basis, or who hold a limited-term faculty position that extends over no more than two years.

2. CATE – Permanent Faculty

Nominees must teach at a Canadian university or college, hold a PhD, be members of CASCA, and have taught as the primary instructor in at least four anthropology-focused courses over the past five years. This award is for those who hold a permanent faculty position (such as term-limited appointments longer than two years, tenure-track appointments, or tenured positions).

Each administrative unit (eg. Department) may submit only one nomination for each award per year. Units should determine a process by which nominees are selected and advanced to CASCA’s CATE Committee.

Award recipients may not receive the award more than once.

Process:

Nomination packages must be e-mailed to the CASCA manager at membership@anthropologica.ca no later than December 15.

Nominations packages will include:

- a) Nomination Form
- b) A CV outlining key accomplishments as a researcher and teacher (maximum: five pages);
- c) A table (template provided) listing the anthropology-focused courses taught by the nominee in the past five years with level, enrolment, and course title clearly indicated;
- d) A summary of the nominee’s teaching philosophy and practice, including a description of innovation in teaching, course development, and teaching-related leadership (maximum: three pages);
- e) A letter of nomination submitted by a faculty colleague describing the nominee’s contributions to the teaching of Anthropology and to students’ learning experiences (maximum two pages);

- f) Two letters from former students (or groups of students) that describe how the nominee's teaching shaped their learning (maximum two pages per letter).

The CATE Committee will be constituted by the President-Elect, President, the last recipient of the CATE (course instructor), the last recipient of the CATE (permanent faculty), and one CASCA member (preferably a member of the Critical Pedagogy Network) appointed by the CASCA Executive.

The CATE Committee will adjudicate the nominations packages on the following criteria:

- a) Evidence of excellence in teaching over the previous five years;
- b) Evidence of innovation and experimentation in teaching with a view to enhancing student learning;
- c) Where applicable, evidence of exemplary contributions to the development of the Anthropology curriculum at the institution.

Members of the committee will recuse themselves from the deliberations of any given nomination package when they are in a conflict of interest with the nominee (such as when the nominee is a colleague, a former student, a former supervisor, or has a personal/family relationship with a Committee member).

The CATE recipients will receive a certificate and will be recognized at CASCA's annual AGM.

Each CATE recipient will be invited to write a short piece for the newsletter *Culture* describing their teaching philosophy and pedagogical innovation.

Teaching Record Table Template

Semester	Course Name	Number of Students
Fall 2019	ANTH XXXX: Intro to Cultural Anthropology	XX
	ANTH XXXX: Anthropology of Religion	XX
	ANTH XXXX: Anthropological Theory	XX
Winter 2020	ANTH XXXX: Anthropology of Food	XX
	ANTH XXXX: Intro to Medical Anthropology	XX
	ANTH XXXX: Anthropology of Infectious Disease	XX

CASCA Award for Teaching Excellence
Nomination Form for Course Instructors / Anthropology

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Affiliation: _____

NOMINATOR

I nominate the above CASCA member for the Award of Teaching Excellence.

Name

Date

Nominator's Position and Affiliation

Signature

E-mail Address

NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE

I accept this nomination.

Name

Date

Nominee's Position

Signature

E-mail Address

The nominee must be CASCA members in good standing.

CASCA Award for Teaching Excellence
Nomination Form for Permanent Faculty / Anthropology

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Affiliation: _____

NOMINATOR

I nominate the above CASCA member for the Award of Teaching Excellence.

Name

Date

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