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CSB/SCB Call for Award Applications 2026

The CSB/SCB is currently soliciting applications for the following awards and honours, coinciding with the 10th World Congress of Biomechanics (<https://wcb2026.com/>).

1. Graduate New Investigator Awards
2. David Winter Early Career Investigator Award
3. CSB/SCB Career Award
4. CSB/SCB Scholars

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Graduate New Investigator Awards

Awards Available

Two awards will normally be given to graduate students for high quality biomechanics research submitted for presentation at the biennial conference of the CSB/SCB or at the CSB/SCB-affiliated conferences (e.g. North American Congress on Biomechanics, NACOB, or World Congress of Biomechanics, WCB):

1. the Master's Student Award;
2. the Doctoral Student Award;

Both awards are based on the abstract submitted to and the presentation delivered at the CSB/SCB or CSB/SCB-affiliated conference. Each applicant may submit only one abstract to the New Investigator competition.

The Awards Committee has the right to confer no award in a category if the best applicant's submission is judged to be of unsatisfactory quality for the standards of the CSB/SCB competition.

Eligibility

- a) The student is a member of the CSB/SCB.
- b) The student has not won the same award previously (i.e., in the same category; a PhD student who has previously won the award in the Master's category is eligible).
- c) The student is the first author of the submitted research and personally makes the presentation at the conference.
- d) The research submitted was conducted for a thesis or project while the student was enrolled in a Master's/Doctoral degree program.
- e) The application for the award is submitted for the CSB/SCB or CSB/SCB-affiliated conference which is before or immediately follows the date of the student's graduation, i.e., since the conference is biennial, an application might be submitted nearly two years following the student's graduation date and still be eligible (excluding any parental or other official leaves of absence).
- f) A statement from the student's supervisor stating that (see also below under **Application Package**) stating that:
 - i) the experimental design or theoretical research and the execution of the research and paper are essentially the student's, even on a multi-authored abstract.
 - ii) the research was completed while the student was a CSB/SCB member and/or was enrolled in a Master's/Doctoral degree program at a

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Canadian institution.

Deadline for Application

February 14, 2026.

Application Package

Applicants will submit all required additional documentation listed below to the CSB/SCB Secretary (secretary@csb-scb.com) using the webform: <https://forms.gle/ZNzWWs3FkWgAXons5>, no later than the deadline stated above. Please note that, although a **copy** of the competing abstract is required as part of the application package, the abstract **must** have been submitted via the conference website, complying with the formatting guidelines and with the submission deadline. Naturally, the abstract may be accepted for presentation even if it is not a finalist paper in a competition.

The documentation must include:

- a) A letter addressed to the Secretary indicating which award the competitor is applying for.
- b) A statement from the student's supervisor stating that:
 - i) the experimental design or theoretical research and the execution of the research and paper are essentially the student's, even on a multi-authored abstract.
 - ii) the research was completed while the student was a CSB/SCB member and/or was enrolled in a Master's/Doctoral degree program at a Canadian institution.
- c) A **copy** of the abstract that has been submitted for presentation at the CSB/SCB or affiliated (e.g. NACOB, WCB) conference via the conference website.

Adjudication Procedures

- a) The Chair of the Graduate New Investigator Awards Committee is the Past President. Hereafter, these are called "Chair" and "Committee", respectively. Should the Past President have a conflict of interest, the CSB/SCB Executive will appoint another of its members as the Chair.
- b) Once the application packages are received, the Chair will appoint a Master's Committee and a Doctoral Committee comprised of established researchers who represent the variety of disciplinary backgrounds of the CSB/SCB membership, and who have no conflicts of interest in adjudicating.

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- c) A short list of three finalists for the Master's Award and three finalists for the Doctoral Award will be made and a special awards session will be held at the conference. The final award decision will be based on both the submitted conference abstract and several aspects of the oral presentation (including organization, effectiveness, speech, content, and how questions are answered).

Prizes

Recipients of each award will be given an award certificate and cash prize, usually in the amount of \$750 and sponsored by an external party.

Disclosure

The names of the awards committee members should be made known at, but not before, the awards presentation at the biennial conference.

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David Winter Early Career Investigator Award

The David Winter Early Career Investigator Award is based on an evaluation of the latest 6 years of the applicant's career. The recipient of the David Winter Early Career Investigator Award should have a history of participation in the Society's activities, reflecting the pride that late Professor Dave Winter had in the Society.

Awards Available

One award is normally given at the conference. However, the Committee has the right to confer no award if the best applicant's submission is judged to be of unsatisfactory quality for the standards of the competition.

Eligibility

An applicant is eligible to receive the David Winter Early Career Investigator Award if:

- a) The applicant is a member of the CSB/SCB.
- b) The applicant has not won the David Winter Early Career Investigator Award previously.
- c) The applicant holds a postdoctoral fellowship, tenure track faculty position (typically at the pre-tenure stage), non-academic industrial position, and/or any research appointment.
- d) The research submitted for evaluation was at least partially conducted whilst the applicant was a CSB/SCB member and/or conducted at a Canadian Institution. The applicant will be within 6 years (prior to January 1 of the conference year) of completing a doctoral degree (excluding any parental or other official leaves of absence).
- e) The applicant must demonstrate commitment in participation in the CSB/SCB or CSB/SCB-affiliated conference by submitting an abstract, which they will present if accepted; since the award is career-based (and not abstract-based) the abstract will not be evaluated as part of the application package.

Deadline for Application

February 14, 2026.

Application Package

Applicants will submit all required additional documentation listed below to the CSB/SCB Secretary (secretary@csb-scb.com) using this webform: <https://forms.gle/NScUtdKZkG1BhkJAA>.

The documentation will include:

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- a) A two-page description of the research conducted by the applicant in the past 6 years, including recent progress, anticipated significance, most significant contribution to the field of biomechanics, and the participant's involvement in the CSB/SCB.
- b) A letter that outlines the applicant's history of participation within the CSB/SCB, where and when the research was conducted, and that the conceptual and experimental designs and execution of the research are essentially the applicant's.
- c) A maximum of five PDF papers and/or submitted manuscripts that best exemplify the applicant's research in the past 6 years;
- d) A current and complete **Curriculum Vitae**.
- e) **Three letters of support** for the candidate are required. At least one of the letters should come from a CSB/SCB member. These letters can be written by individuals such as current Department Heads, Deans, workplace managers, and research collaborators. At least one of the letters should be from a recognized expert in the field that is independent from the candidate and his/her former research supervisors.
- d) A **copy** of the abstract that has been submitted for presentation at the CSB/SCB or NACOB conference via the conference website; the abstract will not be evaluated per se but will be considered as part of the applicant's research in the past 6 years.

Adjudication Procedures

- a) The Chair of the David Winter Early Career Investigator Award Committee is the Past President. Hereafter, these are called "Chair" and "Committee", respectively. Should the Past President have a conflict of interest, the CSB/SCB Executive will appoint another of its members as the Chair.
- b) Once the application packages are received, the Chair will appoint a Committee of established researchers who represent the variety of disciplinary backgrounds of the CSB/SCB membership and with no conflict of interest in adjudicating. At least one committee member, besides the Chair, must be a CSB/SCB Executive member.
- c) The winner of the David Winter Early Career Investigator Award will be selected based on the submitted application package and will be given a 30-minute plenary talk in a podium session at the CSB/SCB or CSB/SCB-affiliated conference to present his/her research.

Prize

The recipient of the David Winter Early Career Investigator Award will be given an

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award certificate and a cash prize, usually in the amount of \$1500 and sponsored by an external party.

Disclosure

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Canadian Society for Biomechanics Career Award

The CSB/SCB Career Award is the highest honour conferred by the Society and is reserved to those individuals who have given exemplary contribution to the field of biomechanics and its promotion in Canada. Career Award recipients are automatically granted status as Scholars of the society.

Eligibility

- a) Nominations can be put forward by any regular (i.e., non-student) member of the Society.
- b) The person nominated should be a recognized leader in their field, in terms of all of the parameters below:
 - An outstanding researcher: in terms of national and international impact of their research publications.
 - An outstanding mentor: in terms of the quality and impact of the training provided to undergraduate students, graduate students and postdocs.
 - An outstanding promoter of Biomechanics: the person nominated must have been active in advancing and promoting knowledge in the area of biomechanics, in Canada in particular.
- c) The nominations proposed should also include the names of other leading researchers who could be contacted for their opinion and comments regarding the nominee. An up-to-date CV plus copies of the significant papers of the nominee should also be provided.

Deadline for Submission of Nominations

February 14, 2026. The application should be submitted to the CSB/SCB Secretary (secretary@csb-scb.com) using this webform: <https://forms.gle/iPVRyHTbXPR2MG779>.

Application Package

- a) A nomination letter from one or more nominators (non-student members of the Society).
- b) Names of other leading Canadian and international researchers, who can be contacted for their opinion and comments regarding the nominee.
- c) An up-to-date curriculum vitae, including the full list of the nominee's publications, grants, involvement and participation in CSB/SCB activities, and trainee supervision.
- d) Copies of the most significant journal publications of the nominee (a maximum of five).
- e) (optional) Letters of support from leading Canadian or International

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researchers in biomechanics; Letters of support from current or past students.

Adjudication Procedures

- a) The evaluation committee is chaired by the President, or appointed by the President, and is composed of all the (non-student) members of the Executive Committee of the CSB/SCB, excluding anyone with a conflict of interest. This committee may consult with past presidents of the Society, will select a candidate for the award. Note that an award will not necessarily be given at every conference.
- b) Should there be members of the Executive Committee who have been former trainees (or supervisors) of the candidate, they will be considered, by default, in conflict of interest and will not vote.
- c) The award itself consists of a certificate or plaque. In addition, the recipient will give a keynote address at the biennial conference of the Society. The recipient will attend the conference as a guest of the Society.
- d) CSB/SCB Career Award winners will be notified of the award at least two months prior to the start of the biennial conference.

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Scholars of the Canadian Society for Biomechanics

Scholars (formerly “Fellows”) of the Canadian Society for Biomechanics shall have demonstrated high standards of academic development and a commitment to the goals and long-range activities of the Society. Note that current and future Career Award winners will automatically be awarded Scholar status.

Eligibility

- a) Been a member of the Society for eight consecutive years (up to two of which may have been earned as a student member) immediately prior to applying for Fellowship (excluding any parental or other official leaves of absence).
- b) Attended at least three biennial meetings of the Society during the past ten years (excluding any parental or other official leaves of absence).
- c) Authored at least ten abstracts at biennial meetings of the Society (authorship includes being presenter or supervisor of the research).
- d) Published at least eight full papers on biomechanics as principal author in peer reviewed indexed journals of national or international distribution, in addition ten publications from any combination of invited book chapters or co-authored refereed publications.
- e) Recommendation for advancement to Scholar status in writing from two current Scholars of the Society

Deadline for Submission of Nominations

February 14, 2026.

Application Package

All applications are to be submitted to the CSB/SCB Secretary (secretary@csb-scb.com) using this webform: <https://forms.gle/WCXxNNwbw4krto25A>.

Submission should include the following:

- a) Cover letter indicating length of involvement with CSB/SCB, how many previous conferences attended, number of abstracts presented at previous CSB/SCB and/or CSB/SCB-affiliated conferences, number of principal author biomechanics publications
- b) Letters from two current Scholars of CSB/SCB who are willing to support advancement to scholar status
- c) An up-to-date curriculum vitae, including the full list of the nominee’s

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publications, grants, involvement in and participation in CSB/SCB activities, and trainee supervision. List the abstracts presented at a CSB/SCB conferences (including affiliated conferences such as NACOB), in a separate section.

Adjudication Procedures

The Scholar evaluation committee is chaired by the CSB/SCB President and is composed of all (non-student) members of the Executive Committee of the CSB/SCB, excluding any members with a conflict of interest. This committee may also consult with past presidents of the Society if necessary.

Scholars will be notified at least two months prior to the biennial conference and all CSB/SCB Scholars (past and new) will be acknowledged for their contributions to our society at the biennial conferences.

Scholars must maintain active status in the society and pay dues annually.