

Minerva Foundation for BC Women
Presents
Women In™ Science Awards Luncheon
November 27, 2013, Four Seasons Hotel

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Celebrating Leadership, Excellence, Philanthropy and Service

Deadline for nominations: Friday, October 4, 2013 at 4:30 pm

The Minerva Foundation for BC Women's *Women In™ Science* Awards Luncheon will recognize four outstanding women in British Columbia.

- Two (2) honourees will receive awards for community leadership and excellence in the field of science
- One (1) honouree will receive an award for her role as a volunteer or philanthropist in the field of science
- One (1) honouree will receive the inaugural Emerging Leader in Science award

Science is defined for the purpose of this award as including: natural sciences (math, chemistry, physics, biology, earth and ocean science and pharmaceutical sciences).

Award Criteria

- Through her role in natural sciences, the nominee meets the attached award criteria

Eligibility Criteria for Nominees

- The nominee must be a woman in the field of natural sciences who has been a resident of British Columbia for at least one year and must be currently working in a science-based role within the industry.

How do I nominate someone?

1. Ensure the nominee meets the **eligibility criteria**
2. Complete the attached **nomination form**

3. Provide a **statement of support** outlining how the nominee fulfills each of the attached criteria for the award (maximum two pages)
4. Include a biography of the nominee (one page)
5. Include two letters of support for the nominee (up to one page each)
6. Submit the nomination package to the Minerva Foundation for BC Women by email, fax or mail by Friday October 4, 2013 at 4:30 pm

The Minerva Foundation for BC Women

Attn: WIS Selection Committee

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The Minerva Foundation for BC Women annually recognizes the accomplishments of four extraordinary women in our communities for their leadership, excellence, philanthropy and service.

These four Honourees are nominated by the public and selected by an independent committee called the Awards Selection Committee. The Committee consists of community leaders and industry experts from across BC, and adheres to the following guidelines and processes to identify the women to be recognized.

The Committee seeks to recognize women that embody the spirit and intent of the Minerva Foundation's values: inclusiveness, accountability, collaboration, innovation and authenticity.

Awards Selection Committee Guidelines

AWARD CRITERIA

There are three categories of awards:

- Community Leadership and Excellence
- Philanthropy or Service
- Emerging Leader in Science

Nomination criteria applicable for all categories are as follows:

1. **Making a Difference in her Community** Demonstrated a positive impact on or effected change in her community through her leadership role in the area of science, making the lives of others better or stronger.
2. **Community Leadership Role** Demonstrated a leadership role in her community such that others recognize and respect her contribution as a leader in the area of science.
3. **Sustained Commitment** Contributed to and leading in her community in the area of science over a sustained period of time.
4. **Empowering Women and Girls** Demonstrated effort to inspire and empower women or girls in her community within her leadership or philanthropic role. What difference has she made in the lives of other women or girls so that they too may succeed?
5. **Outside her Community** Demonstrated additional leadership or excellence in the area of science beyond her own community, whether through her work community or home community.

Nominations for the two Community Leadership and Excellence Awards must meet this additional criterion:

Excellence, Innovation or Collaboration: Record of accomplishment in the field of science, which can be demonstrated through recognition by others of excellence, innovation or collaboration in the area.

Nominations for the Philanthropy or Service Award must meet this additional criterion:

Philanthropy: Demonstrated true philanthropic spirit through sharing her knowledge and experience by giving of her time and/or assets to effect a positive change for others in the area of science.

Nominations for the Emerging Leader in Science Award must meet these additional criteria:

- Record of accomplishment in the field of science which can be demonstrated through recognition by others of excellence, innovation or collaboration in the area

- Philanthropy criteria is an option and not mandatory for this award
- Nominee must be under 30 years (at the end of 2013)
- Nominee must be working within the field of natural science
- Nominee must demonstrate alignment with at least one of the Minerva Foundation's values:

Inclusiveness

We are a community of women and men who embrace diversity in leadership

Accountability

We believe that with opportunity comes responsibility to make a difference

Collaboration

We believe in building community networks and collaborative partnerships to share resources and opportunities

Innovation

We value creativity, courage and growth

Authenticity

We help women to voice and live their values

SELECTION PROCESS

All nomination packages received by the deadline are first judged for completeness. All complete nominations are then reviewed and considered by the Honouree Selection Committee following the guidelines and award criteria set out below. The Committee has the right to move nominees from one category to another or to include a nominee in an additional category.

Each criterion is judged on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being low and 10 being the highest awarded points for the category. Each Committee member judges the candidates separately and brings his or her recommendations to the Committee as a whole for discussion and re-evaluation of points. The points are then totaled to select the Honourees.



About the Minerva Foundation for BC Women

The Minerva Foundation for BC Women is a charitable organization that delivers a range of unique programs to help women develop their leadership capacity and find meaningful work. From education awards for women in need, mentoring and coaching, job search support and culturally relevant programming developed and delivered in partnership with Aboriginal women, the Minerva Foundation elevates the visibility, influence and contribution of women to change the face of leadership in BC.

Since 2001, the Minerva Foundation has given away more than \$2 million in education awards and touched the lives of more than 3,000 women and girls across British Columbia.

Our Vision: To change the face of leadership in BC.

Our Mission: To elevate the visibility, influence and contribution of women leaders.

Since its inception in 1999, the Minerva Foundation has helped to create and fund programs that have assisted more than 3,000 women and girls across British Columbia.

WOMEN IN™ SCIENCE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM
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Deadline for completed nominations is Friday, October 4, 2013 at 4:30 pm

**Nominees will be contacted in October. Please ensure you provide the contact information where you can be reached at that time.*

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address/City/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email: _____

Position and Organization: _____

Please indicate your year of birth (required only for the Emerging Leader award) _____

**By signing below, you give the Minerva Foundation permission to release your name to the media.*

In accepting this nomination, you confirm that you are available to attend the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Signature: _____

Please tick this box if you agree to be profiled in the Women In™ Science Luncheon program regardless of whether you are selected as an honouree.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address/City/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email: _____

Position and Organization: _____

Signature: _____

AWARD CATEGORY *(Please tick applicable boxes)*

Community Leadership and Excellence
Emerging Leader

Philanthropy or Service