



The **FOUNDATION** for the Royal College of  
Chiropractic Sports Sciences (Canada)



## Call for Nominations

### The **FOUNDATION** for the Royal College of Chiropractic Sports Sciences (Canada) Inaugural Bill Neilson Memorial Awards of Excellence

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The **FOUNDATION** for the Royal College of Chiropractic Sports Sciences (Canada), herein referred to as “The **FOUNDATION**”, is proud to announce a call for nominations for their inaugural Bill Neilson Memorial Awards of Excellence. These awards are meant to recognize the outstanding achievement conducted by chiropractic students, RCCSS(C) Sports Residents, and RCCSS(C) Fellows. In addition, these awards are granted to deserving candidates who, through their actions, exemplified the characteristics of Mr. Bill Neilson, long time Executive Administrator to the RCCSS(C) as well as to The **FOUNDATION**.

Mr. Neilson was the embodiment of commitment, excellence, and professionalism. There was seldom any Canadian sports chiropractic project that he did not have some level of involvement with, giving freely of his time and knowledge to ensure the best possible outcome. He had a zest for life – being active with hiking and downhill mountain biking. He was more than an Administrator. He was a mentor encouraging all to achieve their best: from those who were starting out on their Sports Chiropractic journey; to seasoned veterans of the Sports Chiropractic world. He was a friend – always having an understanding ear, and a “no nonsense” way of helping you to “get out of your own way”. He wanted to see each of us succeed – for in our succeeding as individuals, we raised the bar for Sports Chiropractic in Canada, and around the World. At the time of his passing in October 2024 there was not a Sports Sciences Resident, Sports Fellow, or chiropractic student who had an interest in sports chiropractic that did not know of Bill. These Awards of Excellence memorializes Bill Neilson, a champion of sports chiropractic.

#### **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

- Nominators should use the [Nomination Form \(here\)](#)
- Email the nomination form to [F.RCCSSC.Research@gmail.com](mailto:F.RCCSSC.Research@gmail.com)

#### **REVIEW PROCESS**

- The Bill Neilson Memorial Awards of Excellence are a part of the Annual Awards for The **FOUNDATION**
- The **FOUNDATION** will assign an individual, who is judged by The **FOUNDATION** to have no conflict of interest pertaining to any of the Awards, to act as the Chair of the Research Peer Review Committee, which oversees the review process for all **FOUNDATION** Awards
- All nominations for the Bill Neilson Memorial Awards of Excellence will be reviewed by the Research Peer Review Committee, which will consist of a minimum of 3 RCCSS(C) members in good standing as reviewers
- A total summative score using a standardized scoring rubric will be used by reviewers to determine who the recipient of the Award(s) will be

## **OVERVIEW**

<b>Awards of Excellence</b>  These Awards are meant to recognize the outstanding achievement of RCCSS(C) Fellows, RCCSS(C) Residents, and chiropractic students enrolled in a Canadian Chiropractic Education Institution who have demonstrated excellence in their contributions to the sporting community, sports healthcare, and/or sports-focused research, while embodying the defining characteristics of Mr. Bill Neilson, in whose honour these Awards are named.	
<b>Bill Neilson Memorial Award of Excellence – FELLOWS</b>	1 Award for this nomination cycle (Plaque)
<b>Bill Neilson Memorial Award of Excellence – RESIDENTS</b>	1 Award for this nomination cycle (Plaque)
<b>Bill Neilson Memorial Award of Excellence – STUDENTS</b>	1 Award for this nomination cycle (Plaque)
<b>NOMINATION DEADLINE</b>	<b>August 1<sup>st</sup> (11:59pm ET)</b> on a yearly basis
<b>HOW TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL</b>	Email nominations using the <a href="#">Nomination Form</a> to: <a href="mailto:F.RCCSSC.Research@gmail.com">F.RCCSSC.Research@gmail.com</a>
<b>WHO CAN NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL</b>	You can nominate someone for the Awards if you are a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member, Resident, or Fellow of the RCCSS(C)</li><li>• Faculty member at a Canadian Chiropractic Education Institution (CMCC, UQTR)</li><li>• Chiropractic Student at a Canadian Chiropractic Education Institution (CMCC, UQTR)</li></ul>
<b>FOR MORE INFORMATION</b>	Contact: <a href="mailto:F.RCCSSC.Research@gmail.com">F.RCCSSC.Research@gmail.com</a>

Decisions on these Awards will be made by October 1st yearly, and recipients will be notified via e-mail if they are Award recipients. Presentation of these Awards will occur yearly at the RCCSS(C) Annual General Meeting in November.

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