

Pikaia Award

for Early Career Researchers

Nomination Package



In 2002, the Paleontology Division introduced a new award, the Pikaia Award. The Pikaia Award is awarded in recognition of a recent contribution to research on any aspect of Canadian paleontology, or by a Canadian to paleontology, that is judged to constitute an outstanding accomplishment in the field. The outstanding accomplishment may be a single paper or monograph or a series of closely related papers. The award will normally go to an individual who is no more than 15 years past their last degree.

The Pikaia award is named after *Pikaia gracilens*, an early cephalochordate known from the Burgess Shale. It is awarded every three years.

The 2024 Pikaia Award will be presented at the Canadian Palaeontology Conference (CPC).

This award is one of four offered by the Paleontology Division, along with the Avocational Paleontologist Award, the Billings Medal for Lifetime Achievement, and the Thomas E. Bolton Award for an exceptional student presentation at CPC. The awards are offered in a three-year cycle, excepting the Bolton Award which will be awarded annually at CPC.

To nominate someone for the Avocational Palaeontologist Award please e-mail completed nomination packages to gac.paleontology@gmail.com by **Friday, November 8th, 2024**. Include 'Pikaia Award Nomination' in the subject heading.

Each nomination package should include:

- This completed nomination page
- Signed Ethical Professional Conduct form from the nominee, indicating that they are in good standing to receive the award
- The contact information for three references who can speak to the nominee's contributions to palaeontology. Please ensure these references are available for, and aware of, a potential phone call or e-mail communication during November 2024.
- A 300-word citation. (Why does this person deserve this award?)
- OPTIONAL (through recommended): One or more letters of support for the nominee

Nomination Page

Name of nominee:

Address of nominee:

E-mail address of nominee:

Phone number of nominee:

Name of nominator:

Address of nominator:

E-mail address of nominator:

Phone number of nominator:

Ethical Professional Conduct

As a daughter society of the Geological Association of Canada, the Palaeontological Division abides by the [GAC Code of Ethics](#). Any Palaeontological Division awardees are thusly expected to meet all expectations outlined in this code. *By submitting this application the nominee certifies that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with the GAC Code of Ethics.*

Has the nominee been the subject of a filed allegation, complaint, investigation, sanction or other legal, civil or institutional proceeding, or are you currently the subject of such proceedings, in which your professional conduct is at issue?

- Yes (If yes, the nominee will be contacted for a professional discussion regarding the details of the complaint.)
- No

Citation

Please use the following space to explain, in 300 words or less, why this nominee is deserving of this award.

References

Name of reference #1:

Address of reference #1:

E-mail address of reference #1:

Phone number of reference #1:

Name of reference #2:

Address of reference #2:

E-mail address of reference #2:

Phone number of reference #2:

Name of reference #3:

Address of reference #3:

E-mail address of reference #3:

Phone number of reference #3:
