



## **2026 Minerva Canada Rising Star Award Information and Eligibility Criteria**

This award recognizes leaders of the future who demonstrate a commitment to the integration of health and safety. Eligible nominees include **full time post-secondary students from Canadian universities or colleges in undergraduate, graduate, or coop programs. Employees with 2 or less years of work experience since graduation** are also eligible.

Nominees must demonstrate a leadership ability to initiate and implement change in an academic or workplace environment related to health and/or safety. They must show dedication through continuing education, special academic or work projects, career progression, generating student or worker safety awareness, mentoring and/or coaching. They must be able to demonstrate experience in the implementation of safety initiatives while in school or work during the last 12 to 18 months.

**Note:** Either a **team nomination** and/or a **self-nomination** is permitted.

### **Communications, Nomination Form and Instructions:**

#### **Communications**

In November 2025, Minerva Canada will be announcing the acceptance of nominations for the 2026 Minerva Rising Star award to academic institutions, diverse organizations and individual parties. Academic institutions and organizations will be asked to promote the Rising Star award among professors, students, supervisors and/or employees.

#### **Nomination & Submission Process:**

1. Nominees need to complete the following online nomination form:

<https://keymedia.secure-platform.com/site/solicitations/102075/home>

2. The form can be completed by a professor/educator or supervisor nominating a student or employee. For self-nominations, it can be completed by a student or employee.

3. Submissions are due by **April 30, 2026**.

#### **Instructions for Form Completion:**

- A Key Media account with name, email address and password needs to be established to access the form.
- School name, professor or student can be shown when completing company name and job title.
- Nominee can be a professor, supervisor, student or employee.
- Under Nominee details, when completing Category, select Minerva Rising Star award
- Under Nominee details, all fields shown with an asterisk must be completed before the online form can be finalized and submitted to Key Media.