



## Canadian Open Data Awards 2025

### Call for applications

**Deadline: January 23rd, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (EST)**

**Object :** The Canadian Open Data Community recognizes and celebrates excellence in open data in Canada through the Canadian Open Data Awards.

**When :** Call for applications begins: November 26th, 2025

Call for nominations closes: January 23rd, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (EST). Submit nominations to the Canadian Open Data Community at [nominations@opendatasociety.ca](mailto:nominations@opendatasociety.ca).

**Where:** The awards will be presented at a special ceremony on March 5, 2026, for International Open Data Day.

**Background:** The Canadian Open Data Community will recognize excellence in the field with the 2025 Canadian Open Data Awards. Up to **eight awards** will be presented: seven for organizations and one for an individual.

**Organizations:** Submit a single document of 500 words maximum (without appendices) , describing all of your accomplishments and addressing as many of the following **five criteria as possible** :

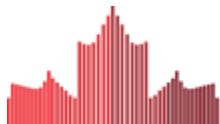
1. Accessibility
2. Commitment and representation
3. The impact
4. Innovation
5. Data quality

**Each application will be evaluated for all seven awards given to organizations.** Please do not submit multiple applications for your organization for different criteria.

**People:** Nominations (500 words maximum, no appendices) will be accepted for the Canadian Open Data Leader of the Year Award, and judged on the five criteria listed above.

**Prizes:**

1. **Open Data Accessibility Award:** Improving Access to Open Data (Policies and Processes)
2. **Open Data for Democracy Award:** Advancing democracy through the promotion of open data and improving engagement (of citizens in democracy)
3. **Open Data for Impact Award:** Leveraging open data to ensure groups of people benefit from the same resources or opportunities (improving the situation)
4. **Open Data Prize for Innovation:** Innovation using open data (testing new things)
5. **Open Data Quality Award:** Completeness, Consistency and Standardization of Open Data (Advancing Data Quality)
6. **Open Data Rising Star Award:** Best effort by a young organization in one of the five or more achievements listed above



7. **2025 Canadian Open Data Excellence Award:** Best entry among all those submitted by organizations
8. **Canadian Open Data Leader of the Year Award:** Award recognizing national or international leadership by a Canadian in the field of open data

**Procedure:** Submit a Word document (**no PDF**) **of up to 500 words** to [nominations@opendatasociety.ca](mailto:nominations@opendatasociety.ca). The essay should address as many of the five criteria as possible. Tell us your story.

**Eligibility:**

- Organizations from all sectors and individuals are eligible for the awards.
- Jury members, as well as board members and hosts of the 2024 Canadian Open Data Summit are not eligible.

**Remarks:**

- There is **no deadline** for submitted achievements; they can be achievements from 2024 or results obtained over an extended period.
- Nominations may be submitted by organizations and individuals themselves or by third parties. **Those submitting another person's nomination must obtain the candidate's consent to do so and attach written authorization to the nomination.**
- If you feel you have an advantage in one or two categories, more than in others, you can choose to highlight those. Keep in mind that to win the award of excellence, you must stand **out in all the criteria**.
- Individuals who have submitted their application in the past are strongly encouraged to **submit an updated version for 2025**.
- **The jury may, at its discretion, refuse to award a prize** in a given category.

Submit a nomination today! Attach your Word document to an email at [nominations@opendatasociety.ca](mailto:nominations@opendatasociety.ca).

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