



Canadian Association of University Teachers  
Association canadienne des professeures et professeurs d'université

# Memorandum 24:41

**Date:** November 5, 2024

**To:** Presidents and Administrative Officers  
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

**From:** David Robinson, Executive Director

**Re:** **Call for Nominations for the Bernice Schrank Award**

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CAUT is soliciting nominations for the Bernice Schrank Award. The Award was established in 2013 to recognize outstanding contributions to the enforcement of academic staff workplace rights through grievance/arbitration.

## Criteria

Eligible candidates must be or have been academic staff, at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

The candidate's achievement(s) must include:

- a demonstrable history of consistent and active defence of collective agreement provisions through the grievance process over a long period of time;
- leadership within their association; and
- educational initiatives associated with the transmission of grievance handling knowledge and skills.

The candidates' contributions, although they may have been focused locally in a single university or college, must have had regional or national implications.

Nominations for the award may be submitted by academic staff associations, grievance committees, or any other interested parties or individuals. **The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2025.**

The nomination form and procedures are available on the [CAUT website](#). Nominations will be reviewed by CAUT's Executive Committee and recommendations will be forwarded to CAUT Council. The number and frequency of awards will be as the Executive Committee and CAUT Council deem appropriate. Actively serving members of the CAUT Executive Committee are not eligible for the award.