

FPBC REGISTRANT RECOGNITION CRITERIA

Distinguished Forest Professional

Overview & Criteria

The *Distinguished Forest Professional* honour recognizes an individual for significant accomplishments over their career in providing outstanding service to the profession of forestry and for furthering the principles of **Forest Professionals British Columbia** (FPBC). It is the profession's highest honour for a registrant.

Persons considering making a nomination for the *Distinguished Forest Professional* should refer to the FPBC website [recognition page](#), where the calibre of past recipients helps provide an idea of the potential qualifications while recognizing that each nominee is unique.

This recognition is given for all of the following:

- outstanding contributions to the betterment of forestry and forest practices, including contributions to the application of forestry in any of its branches, education, or research;
- advancement of the profession; and
- service to the profession.

The scope of these contributions may be at the community, regional, provincial, national, or international level. However, the nominee must have maintained their FPBC registration for the relevant period.

Eligibility

All active registrants in any FPBC category (**Registered Professional Foresters** (RPF), **Registered Forest Technologists** (RFT), **Affiliated Forest Professionals** (AFP), **associate** registrants, and **retired** registrants (within past three years) in good standing are eligible. Nominees cannot have been convicted of an indictable offense. Registrants who passed away within the past year may be nominated posthumously. Recipients acknowledge recognition will be revoked if they have a criminal conviction or if their conduct brings themselves or the profession into disrepute.

Nominations

Only FPBC registrants may put forward nominations for recognition. Nominations will be accepted until **October 31** of each year. Late nominations will not be considered.

The nomination package must reflect the high standard set for a person worthy of being nominated for recognition. To be considered for nomination, the package must be submitted in its entirety and include all of the following:

- A principal letter of nomination endorsed (i.e. a short description of the nominators' professional knowledge of the nominee) and signed by **10** FPBC registrants. Registrants may not self-nominate. The nomination letter must outline the reason(s) for nomination. Refer to the overview and criteria section above to ensure the individual meets the standard for recognition.

- A resumé or biographical sketch of the nominee may be requested by the **FPBC Board**.

Nominators are accountable for the quality, accuracy, and completeness of information contained in the nomination submission.

Selection Process

Recipients are selected by FPBC Board and past-presidents of the board based on the above criteria. The board and past-presidents may issue more than one *Distinguished Professional Career Award* each year if nominees meet these criteria.

Presentation

Recognition is usually made at the **FPBC Recognition Banquet** during the annual **FPBC forestry conference**.