

# Call for Nominations: 2023 CDC Director's Award for Excellence in Epidemiology and Public Health Response

TEPHINET and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are now accepting nominations for the CDC Director's Award for Excellence in Epidemiology and Public Health Response. This award will be presented during the FETP International Night Awards Ceremony on April 26, 2023.

This award is presented **to a program (not an individual)** in recognition of significant contributions toward successful responses to public health threats (natural and or man-made disasters, disease outbreaks, humanitarian crises, and other health emergencies). Nominees can include any Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) or Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (FELTP) that has provided leadership as part of a response and has successfully overcome challenging circumstances. The award also recognizes excellence in epidemiologic practice or research and contributions that address a public health issue of major importance by applying epidemiologic principles and methods. Nominations can recognize accomplishments that improved human health, substantially reduced disease burden, or represented innovations to public health practice based on epidemiologic foundations or implementation of epidemiologic approaches. **Recognized contributions should be practical, explicit, and applied rather than theoretical or implicit.**

**Note: The Director's Award is reserved for particularly impactful and noteworthy public health contributions and is not necessarily awarded every year.**

**Nomination process: Please use [this form](#) to submit your nomination to the CDC Director's Award Nomination Committee. Submissions will NOT be accepted via email.**

Submissions must include a brief 1-page summary (not to exceed a total of 275 words in length excluding subheadings) highlighting the program's significant contributions toward successful responses to public health threats (natural and or man-made disasters, disease outbreaks, etc.), and the impact of the response. The summary should answer the following four (4) questions:

1. How did the program provide leadership in responding to one or more consequential public health problems? (20 points)
2. How did the program overcome challenging circumstances? (20 points)
3. How did the program apply epidemiologic principles and methods? (30 points)
4. How did the program's actions improve human health, make a substantial reduction in burden of disease, or represent innovations to public health practice based on epidemiologic principles? (30 points)

Nominations can be submitted by FETP or FELTP Directors or through Resident Advisors. Nominations can also be submitted by CDC, TEPHINET and other regional Networks that have worked with FETPs.

**Due date:** All nominations must be submitted to the CDC Director's Award Nomination Committee by **April 7, 2023**. Submissions received after that date will not be accepted.

**Selection of awardee and presentation of award:** Nominations will be reviewed and scored by the CDC Director's Award Nomination Committee. The Committee will be composed of scientific experts from the CDC and TEPHINET. Scores will be tallied by the CDC's Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) Team, and final selection will be made by consensus between CDC and TEPHINET. The winner will be presented with the CDC Director's Award for Excellence in Epidemiology and Public Health Response during the virtual FETP International Nights award ceremony on April 26, 2023.

**Contact:** Please contact [FETPInternational@cdc.gov](mailto:FETPInternational@cdc.gov) with any questions.