

**The Conference of Defence Associations and CDA Institute 2017 Captain Nichola  
Goddard “Game Changer” Award  
Call for Nominations**

The Conference of Defence Associations and the CDA Institute, in collaboration with Vanguard Magazine, have created the Captain Nichola Goddard “Game Changer” Award to recognize and honour a young Canadian innovator and trailblazer who has made a significant contribution to Canadian security and defence. This award recognizes their dedication, service to the military, work in the fields of security and defence published research, security and defence industry and/or not-for-profit/charity work in support of the Canadian Armed Forces and veterans.

Captain Nichola Goddard’s name was chosen for this new award because she was very much a game changer in her own right – she was the first female soldier in a combat role to have been killed in action (Afghanistan, 17 May 2006). This award is about remembering her vibrant spirit and the celebration of others like her, “Game Changers”, who aspire to live by Canadian values of inclusivity, innovation, ethical leadership and commitment.

**Selection Criteria**

The nominee must:

- Be a young Canadian who has made a significant contribution to Canadian security and defence
- Demonstrated outstanding service to the Canadian military, and/or published, acclaimed work in the fields of security and defence research, and/or made significant contributions to the security and defence industry sector, and/or security and defence policy, and/or not-for-profit/charity work in support of the Canadian Armed Forces and/or Veterans

Nomination Procedures:

- Only individuals may submit nominations, consisting of a clear summary of the reasons for the nomination (500 words or less), at least two letters of support, and examples of the nominee’s work
- Electronic submissions are preferred
- Submissions may be submitted in either official language
- Only the person selected and the nominator will be notified
- All documents submitted as part of the submission will be kept at the CDA Institute national office and not returned to the nominator

- Nominations must be received by 5 September 2017, and addressed to:

The “Game Changer” Award Selection Committee  
Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDA Institute)  
151 Slater Street, Suite 412  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H3, Canada

Or [louise.cote@cdainstitute.ca](mailto:louise.cote@cdainstitute.ca)

The Award and grant will be presented to the recipient at the CDA Institute Graduate Student Symposium held at RMCC Kingston Ontario, 12-13 October 2017.

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