2027 SHARE Catalyst Award

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose of the Award

Responsible investment has expanded rapidly in Canada over the last decade. A growing number of asset owners have adopted ESG beliefs and policies while others have created investment stewardship teams. It's easy to forget that there was a time when integrating ESG factors in investments and holding investee companies to account was considered a radical act. This evolution in the investment ecosystem was spearheaded by a small but dedicated group of leaders and innovators whose patience, passion and commitment to real-world change inspired this award.

These catalysts include people like **Renata Pratt**, who established the trailblazing Task Force on Churches and Corporate Responsibility; **Moira Hutchinson**, who later led the Task Force and helped countless organizations establish their own impactful investment practices; **Bob Walker**, who cultivated a new generation of stewardship leaders at what is now NEI Investments; and SHARE's own founding Executive Director **Peter Chapman**, who trained and guided the SHARE team, and empowered the responsible investment community for more than two decades.

These individuals became true catalysts for change by demonstrating vision, integrity and perseverance, along with the ability to persuade. The SHARE Catalyst Award was created in 2025 to recognize such qualities in the current generation of responsible investment leaders.

The Catalyst Award recognizes trustees, investment committee members, governors, executives, or staff members from Canadian institutional asset owners who have demonstrated the leadership, vision and forceful stewardship exemplified by innovators like Peter, Moira, Renata and Bob.

Recipients of the Catalyst Award include:

- **Mark Sevestre**, General Manager, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Community Trust (winner in 2025).

- **Annette Aquin**, Executive VP, Finance & Operations, Hamilton Community Foundation (winner in 2026).

2. Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must be affiliated with a Canadian institutional asset owner.

Nominees can be trustees, investment committee members, governors, executives, or staff members.

Nominees should have a demonstrable record of contributing to the advancement of responsible investment in their organization's investment practices.

These contributions should reflect significant impact, innovation, and leadership in promoting responsible investment and progress towards a more sustainable, inclusive and productive economy.

The kinds of nominees we seek are those who have been persistent and effective catalysts for change and who have helped build responsible investment governance capacity and leadership within Canadian asset owner organizations.

3. Nomination Process

Nominations can be submitted by colleagues, supervisors, or other stakeholders within the responsible investment community.

Individuals can also self-nominate.

Each entry must include a completed nomination form, and must be received by the deadline of 5 p.m. Pacific Time on Friday, December 4, 2026.

4. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be composed of SHARE leadership team and board members.

The committee will review nominations based on the eligibility criteria and the significance of the nominee's contributions.

The decision of the Selection Committee will be final.

5. Award Presentation

The Catalyst Award will be presented annually at the SHARE Summit.

The recipient will receive:

- A commemorative plaque or trophy.
- Recognition at the SHARE Investor Summit.
- Recognition on SHARE communication platforms.

6. Award Benefits

- Recognition as a leader in responsible investment.
- Free attendance to the edition of SHARE Investor Summit where they receive the award.
- Enhanced reputation within the responsible investment community.
- Opportunity to share their experiences and insights at the SHARE Summit.

7. Responsibilities of Award Recipients

- Invitation to participate in the award presentation ceremony at the SHARE Summit.

8. Review and Amendments

- The terms of reference for The Catalyst Award will be reviewed periodically by SHARE's leadership team.
- Amendments to the terms may be made to ensure the award remains relevant and reflective of the evolving responsible investment landscape.