



## Canada's Best Workplaces for Employees Living with Arthritis Awards

### Description and Terms

#### I: Description

Would your company qualify as a “best workplace for employees living with arthritis”? Arthritis Consumer Experts (ACE) is looking to award three Canadian companies that provide a workplace and environment considerate of employees living with arthritis.

The Canada's Best Workplaces for Employees Living with Arthritis Program is a national campaign to help employers better understand arthritis in the workplace. To activate the Program, ACE is conducting the *Canada's Best Workplaces for Employees Living with Arthritis Awards*, a coast-to-coast search to find and recognize three small, medium and large companies who offer exceptional workplaces for their employees living with arthritis.

**Who:** Arthritis Consumer Experts (ACE) is a patient advocacy group dedicated to raising the profile of arthritis through various initiatives. For more information, please visit [www.jointhehealth.org](http://www.jointhehealth.org).

**What:** In its drive to raise arthritis awareness, ACE initiated the Canada's Best Workplaces for Employees Living with Arthritis Program. Through a rigorous selection process using wide-ranging criteria, ACE will evaluate Canadian companies that apply best arthritis strategies and practices in the workplace. The application process will deliver insights to further strengthen Canadian companies' approaches to creating a more productive and arthritis-friendly work environment. And it is an opportunity for employers and employees to assess their companies' awareness of arthritis and their support systems for employees living with the disease, and be awarded recognition for doing so.

**When:** The deadline for application is October 21, 2016.

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##### **Selection Process:**

ACE's Advisory Board and Scientific partner, the Arthritis Research Canada, will evaluate applications based on arthritis best practices criteria: Organizational Benefits, Physical Workplace, and Employee Education.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Small (0-10 employees), medium (11-50 employees), and large companies (51+ employees) with their head office or principal place of business in Canada may apply for *Canada's Best Workplaces for Employees Living with Arthritis Awards*. Public or private sector companies are encouraged to apply.

**How to Apply:** Employers or employees are to submit a single application for the 2016 *Canada's Best Workplaces for Employees Living with Arthritis Awards* to Arthritis Consumer Experts. The deadline for application is 5:00p.m. EST on October 21, 2016. Winners will be announced during the American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting – the premier scientific meeting in rheumatology – on November 14, 2016.

##### **Download the application now.**

ACE is committed to a fair review process based on an evidence-based evaluation. Information provided on the application forms will be held in straight confidence.

Further Information: For more information on the *Canada's Best Workplaces for Employees Living with Arthritis Awards*, please contact [awards@jointhealth.org](mailto:awards@jointhealth.org).