Canada Gairdner Global Health Award

The Canada Gairdner Global Health Award is directed at health issues pertaining to developing countries. It recognizes those who have made major scientific advances in any one of four areas; namely basic science, clinical science or population or environmental health. These advances must have, or have potential to make a significant impact on health outcomes in the developing world. Nominations for leadership and administration, however outstanding, do not fall within the parameters of this award.

The long-term goal of this prize is to reward and stimulate members of the global scientific and medical community to undertake research that will lead to advances valuable to the health of nations.

The Global Health Award consists of $100,000 (CDN), a framed certificate with appropriate citation and a specially designed sculpture.

Purpose and Conditions

The purpose for the Canada Gairdner Global Health Award is the recognition of individual whose seminal scientific work constitutes a discovery or a highly tangible achievement toward improving our knowledge of and application to global health, and also to generate scientific momentum in the field as well as augmenting public awareness.

1. The Prize will be valued at $100,000 each.
2. The Prize is to be used by the recipient for personal use.
3. The Canada Gairdner Global Health Award Advisory Committee will be responsible for selecting a short list of candidates for presentation to the Medical Advisory Board.
4. The Board of Directors of the Gairdner Foundation will approve the selection of the winner.
5. Awards are made to residents of any country without restriction of gender, race, religion, creed or nationality.
6. The Prize may be presented either at the time of Canada Gairdner International Awards in October or at a special event in Ottawa in the spring.
7. The first Prize will be given on October 29, 2009, on the occasion of the Foundation's 50th Anniversary Awards Dinner in Toronto.

Nominations

1. The Gairdner Foundation will invite those in the international scientific health and medical community to nominate candidates for the Canada Gairdner Global Health Award.
2. Nomination letters should describe the key role of the nominee(s) in relevant successful advances and should be accompanied by a full curriculum vitae with a complete mailing address and at least two supporting letters that detail a major discovery or sustained advance.
3. The work of the nominee should be compared with that of others in the field, together with clearly articulated reasons why this work distinguishes the nominee’s work from others in the same scientific topic.

4. The nomination deadline for the award is **October 1, 2009** and nominations should be sent to the President of the Gairdner Foundation.

5. A call for nominations will be published on The Gairdner Foundation website and suitably advertised in appropriate scientific journals.

6. Nominations will be held for up to 3 years, but must be updated annually.

### Selection Process

1. The Gairdner Foundation President will engage the help of the Canada Gairdner Global Health Award Advisory Committee consisting of 12 members.

2. The Advisory Committee reflects international composition in the field of Global Health with a clear understanding of the basic clinical and social science issues in global and population health.

3. The Advisory Committee will meet in person or via teleconference to review all nominations and consult together as necessary, with an agenda and attachments (if any) mailed for receipt by each no less than ten days in advance.

4. The Advisory Committee will normally select the recipient no later than January of the year in which the award is to be made.

5. The selection will be submitted to the Medical Advisory Board for final selection and to The Gairdner Foundation Board of Directors for formal approval no later than January 31st of the award year.

6. All selections are final and not subject to review or challenge.

### Announcement

1. A formal announcement of the awardee will be made at least three months prior to the annual Canada Gairdner Foundation Awards presentation.

2. The Gairdner Foundation will insure that a prime time slot is allotted for prize presentation and a major lecture by the awardee.

3. The lecture may be given as a keynote before a full Symposium as it is anticipated that the prize will be an incentive to have a state-of-the-art symposium on advances in global health studies.
4. Logistics for presentation ceremony for Canada Gairdner Global Health Award will be the responsibility of the Gairdner Foundation.

Please submit in electronic format (MS Word or PDF) to nominations@gairdner.org

Nominations for 2010 should be received no later than October 1, 2009. (Please note that this is a strict deadline date.) Nominations received after that date will be considered the following year.

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