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The Gairdner Foundation was established in 1957 and is dedicated to recognizing major research contributions to the treatment of disease and alleviation of human suffering. Through the annual prestigious Canada Gairdner Awards, the Gairdner Foundation has raised the profile of Canada as a nation that fosters innovation and scientific excellence. Since 1959, more than 418 international scientists have received the Canada Gairdner Award and 102 have gone on to receive the Nobel Prize. The Canada Gairdner Awards are recognized internationally as being among the most prestigious in the world, based on our reputation for rigorous review and early recognition of breakthroughs in science.

While our accomplishments to date are impressive, there is no margin for stasis in our constantly changing environment. In response to this, the Gairdner Foundation has launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$25 million to implement new programs and activities that promote a culture of, and investment in, science excellence and innovation in Canada. It will augment our already prestigious awards, improve the wellbeing of those facing health inequalities worldwide and enhance our cutting-edge programming with our goal of increasing science literacy. It will increase Canada's ability to retain the brightest talent and inspire young minds to pursue a career in science. It will allow the Foundation to respond quickly to new and innovative opportunities and challenges.



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Our mission is unique, and so are our challenges. As the global science and health landscape changes, we must adapt to these changes to ensure our awards and programs continue to resonate and set the stage for a more informed and educated society. Unrestricted funding is vital for the Gairdner Foundation to fulfill its mission. Whether it is an investment in a program, enhancing organizational infrastructure, or costs of expansion, we require flexible funds to provide maximum impact. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted that the resilience of notfor-profit organizations requires flexibility and organizations need the ability to experiment and adapt to be effective.

THE FRIENDS OF GAIRDNER FUND \$5,000,000+ Expendable

Unrestricted funding is essential for the Gairdner Foundation to build our financial capacity and to continue to invest in critical infrastructure that will allow the Foundation to be more effective and plan for the future. The Friends of Gairdner Fund makes this possible.

Among the Foundation's many priorities, both planned and opportunistic, funding may help introduce a timely new education program, jump start a research initiative or attract a special guest lecturer. Access to these undesignated funds will provide the Gairdner Foundation's leadership with the capacity and flexibility to respond efficiently and effectively to a changing landscape, while also complementing investments in our cornerstone priorities, allowing us to achieve our objectives in an expedited manner.

In a world where the challenges we face are increasingly complex and interconnected, the pursuit of outstanding scientific achievement has never been more crucial. It is through innovation and the relentless pursuit if knowledge that we can address the greatest challenges of our age and shape a better future for all.

YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO OUR MISSION

By supporting the Campaign for the Gairdner Foundation, you are championing scientific excellence and contributing to the advancement of global health and wellbeing. All donations will help. Together, we can enhance science literacy and awareness, inspire the next generation of scientists, and support innovative initiatives that accelerate the pace of discovery.

Please join us in our quest to drive scientific excellence around the globe.

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