

## **Canada Gairdner International Award**

An award for outstanding researchers whose unique scientific contributions have increased the understanding of human biology and disease. Five individual awards are given annually.

### **A nominee for this award...**

Is an exceptional, research-focused scientific investigator who has transformed the understanding of human biology and disease

Has produced a distinct body of scientific research contributions, rather than a cumulative lifetime of work

Can be co-nominated with equal contributors to the body of work or those who have made parallel discoveries.

### **Nomination Elements**

NOMINEE DETAILS: Contact and basic professional information

CITATION (Max. 150 words): 1-2 sentence statement identifying nominee's distinct body of research.

RESEARCH SUMMARY (Max. 1000 words): Summary of nominee's nominated scientific body of work

TOP FIVE: Top 5 publications related to the research summary, with a brief summary of the impact/importance

SHORT CV: 10-20 pages

NOMINEE IN CONTEXT (Max. 1000 words): Contextualize the nominee's body of work, including:

- Impact on the trajectory or foundational understanding of their field,
- Other significant contributors or potential co-nominees for the work highlighted in the nomination
- Clarification of their individual contributions within collaborative projects and publications.

LETTERS OF EVALUATION (3-5 letters, 2-3 pgs): Letter writers should be familiar with the field, be able to provide objective evaluations of the candidate and their body of work, not just an endorsement, and should represent a range of stakeholders in the nominee's professional sphere.

### **Who chooses the awardees?**

The Medical Review Panel, primarily Canadian researchers representing the breadth and diversity of the Canadian research community, evaluates the pool of eligible nominations and elevates a list of leading candidates to the Medical Advisory Board (MAB) for further review. MAB members, leading international researchers in biomedical science, including major institutional leaders and past Gairdner Laureates, then undertake a thorough review and discussion process for each elevated nomination. The final decision is made by blind ballot vote.

### **What happens if my nominee receives the award?**

International Award winners receive a \$250 000 prize, award citation and medal. They take part in Gairdner Week events and the annual Awards Gala in late October of each year, presenting and celebrating their awarded work.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Nomination Submissions Due

**OCTOBER 1 11:59 PDT**

Award Announcement

**MARCH/APRIL**

**Questions? Email [nominations@gairdner.org](mailto:nominations@gairdner.org)**

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