Selection Process

Nominations for the international awards are reviewed on two levels. A Medical Review Panel (MRP), made up of active Canadian researchers in various fields, review and prepare a short list of potential recipients from the nominations received.

A Medical Advisory Board (MAB) comprised of a diverse group of eminent Canadian and international scientists select the recipients by secret ballot for recommendation to the Gairdner Board of Directors. Dr. Janet Rossant (Gairdner President & Scientific Director) chairs the MAB.

All nominations will be maintained for a period of five (5) years. If the nominee is not selected for an award after 5 years, a two (2) year waiting period must be observed before a nomination is resubmitted. Under exceptional circumstances, this waiting period can be waived at the discretion of the President.

Conditions of Award

Upon notification, the award must be accepted by recipients within a term decided by the Foundation, and be received in person by the recipient at the Canada Gairdner Awards gala in October 2023.

Recipients are expected to participate in the National Program that takes place across Canada.

The Prize is valued at $100,000 CAD, and is for the personal use of recipients. An award citation and a medal will also be presented. A joint award may be made for the same discovery or contributions to medical science, but each recipient receives a full prize.

Awards are made to residents of any country without restriction of gender, race, religion, creed or nationality.

Expenses for travel & accommodation for recipients and their partners to accept the awards are paid by Gairdner.

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

Recipients must confirm that they will be outstanding Gairdner ambassadors, upholding our commitment to recognizing excellence, inspiring the next generation and promoting a culture of science in Canada and beyond.

Nomination Checklist

Nominee Information

- Salutation, full name, post-nominal titles
- Current positions and location
- Work address, phone, email
- Personal address, phone, email (if available)

Nomination Information Fields

- Nomination key contacts (optional): Include information for any contacts in addition to the registered Nominator.
- Brief biography (optional)
- Short CV (.doc/.pdf) Name, training, positions, significant honours & awards, full publication list excluding abstracts
- Citation: 1-2 sentence summary of the nominee’s work/contributions
- Work summary: A survey of the nominee’s key scientific contributions.
- Top 5 publications: Citations for the five (5) publications most relevant to and supportive of the nomination, a short statement on its significance, and the citation count, including source of the count.
- Comparative analysis of nominee’s field (.doc/.pdf): An analysis of the nominee’s position relative to others in their field of research
- Potential co-nominees: Please provide the names and institutions for those who should be considered alongside the nominee for this area of focus. If you cannot identify any suitable co-nominees, please enter N/A
- Supporting documents (.doc/.pdf) At least two (2) letters of support/recommendation. Maximum of eight (8).

Questions?
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