The Advisory Committee is comprised of Canadian and international administrative leaders who are familiar with the Canadian medical and scientific communities. The selection is submitted to the Gairdner Board of Directors for formal approval.

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.

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 2022.

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.

Awards are made to scientists who have done the majority of work within Canada, without restriction of gender, race, religion, creed or nationality.

Expenses for travel and 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.