

## HENRY G. FRIESEN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE IN HEALTH RESEARCH

Presented Annually by:  
**Friends of Canadian Institutes of Health Research (FCIHR / AIRSC)  
Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS / ACSS)**

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### **PREAMBLE:**

*The Henry G. Friesen International Prize recognizes the exceptional leadership, vision and innovative contributions of Dr. Henry G. Friesen. It is awarded to an individual of international stature who best exemplifies Henry Friesen's prescience, organizational creativity and broad impact on health research and health research policy.*

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

#### **Purpose:**

To engage the broad public in informed discourse on matters related but not limited to health research and health research policy. To enrich and enliven the deliberations of the annual meeting of CAHS by direct participation and delivery of a lecture to members gathered.

#### **Citation:**

*"The Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research is presented in recognition of the distinguished leadership, vision and innovative contributions of Dr. Henry G. Friesen. The prize supports an annual lecture or series of lectures by a renowned speaker on topics related to the advancement of health research and its evolving contributions to society. The lecture endeavours to reach the broadest possible audience and takes place at major centres across Canada."*

#### **Governance:**

An Advisory Committee made up of seven (7) members governs the Prize. Three Members are appointed from the Board of Directors of each of the presenting organizations, with a unanimously appointed Chair. In the inaugural year, the Presidents of FCIHR and CAHS shall Co-Chair the Committee.

The Committee is responsible for the call for nominations, vetting submissions, evaluating nominees, selecting the Honouree, as well as establishing the annual Lecture and Award venues and all partnership and sponsorship arrangements. Accountability to the supporting organizations occurs annually.

#### **Partnership:**

Friends of CIHR established the Prize in partnership with the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Broadcast partner is CBC Radio One.

#### **Sponsorship:**

Organizations or institutions that wish to promote Health Research and maximize its social, economic and health benefits may be eligible sponsors of the Prize.

**Nominations:**

Members in good standing of FCIHR or CAHS may make nominations, at any time, without limit. Presidents and Deans of Medicine of Canadian universities are canvassed annually for nominations. Information related to the nomination and selection process is confidential.

**Selection:**

The Advisory Committee considers nominations annually and selection is made through a series of confidential ballots. A recommendation for the Honouree is forwarded to the Boards of the presenting organizations for final approval.

**Announcement:**

The Award is announced in the spring of each year.

**Award:**

The Award consists of a cash prize of \$20,000 CAD, as well as travel and hospitality costs associated with the fulfillment of the Public Lecture and Address at the CAHS Annual Meeting. A Citation suitable for framing is also presented.

**Recipient Responsibilities:**

- The Awardee will be available for media contact following the public announcement conferring the Award.
- The Awardee will deliver a lecture of approximately one-hour in length at a broadcast Public Forum. The lecture must appeal to the broadest possible audience and present ideas in the spirit of Dr. Friesen's long-standing contributions. A manuscript of the lecture is to be submitted four weeks prior to the event for publication in both official languages.
- The Awardee will make an address of 30 minutes maximum in length at the CAHS Annual Meeting.

**INSTITUTIONAL VISITS:**

- The recipient is encouraged to respond favourably and without a fee other than expenses, to a minimum of one invitation, from an educational or professional institution, to present a named lecture within the calendar year following the announcement of the Honour.

**Administration:**

Further information regarding the Prize is available from:

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