

## HENRY G. FRIESEN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE IN HEALTH RESEARCH

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

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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 Dr. 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 gathering of FCIHR and other scientific organizations by direct participation and delivery of a lecture ("Friesen Prize Lecture") to members gathered. To promote the value of scientific knowledge as a benefit to society.

#### **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. The President of FCIHR serves as Chair. Members of the Committee are drawn from Boards and Members of FCIHR, Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) and other scientific societies. Vacancies are filled at the discretion of the Chair.

The Committee is responsible for the call and deadline 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 Board of FCIHR occurs annually.

#### **Collaborations:**

Friends of CIHR established the Prize in collaboration with the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Broadcast partner is CBC Radio One "Ideas". Other scientific organizations may be engaged to participate at the discretion of the Chair.

#### **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 and may nominate candidates. Presidents and Scientific Directors of Research Institutes are welcome to submit nominations. Information related to the nomination and selection process is confidential. Nomination forms are available at:

<http://www.fcibr.ca/prize/about/nomination>

**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 Board of the presenting organization for information.

**Announcement:**

The Award is announced in the Spring of each year, as circumstances permit.

**Award:**

The Award consists of a cash prize of \$35,000 CAD plus up to \$5,000 for travel and hospitality costs associated with the fulfillment of an in-person Public Lecture, as well as a Luncheon Address at the CAHS Annual Meeting or similar gathering. A Citation suitable for framing is presented.

**Recipient Responsibilities:**

- The Awardee will deliver a lecture of approximately one-hour in length at a recorded Public Forum. The lecture must appeal to a broad audience and present ideas in the spirit of Dr. Friesen's long-standing contributions.
- A manuscript of the lecture is to be submitted within 6 months after the award is given. The manuscript of about 5000 words will be published in both official languages. The manuscript should relate to the work and impact of the individual in his/her lifetime that resulted in being the 2025 prize winner. It should also include his/her vision broadly in terms of science. An introductory paragraph about the Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research should be included.
- The Awardee will make a 20 min luncheon address at a gathering of collaborating societies.
- The Awardee will be available for media interviews following the public announcement conferring the Award and after the Public Forum Lecture.

**INSTITUTIONAL VISITS:**

- The recipient is expected to respond favourably and without a fee other than expenses, to a minimum of one invitation, from an educational or professional institution and present a named lecture within 12 months following the announcement of the Honour. Additional Institutional visits are encouraged and supported by a financial supplement to the Prize. As well, travel (economy) and hotel expenses for Institutional visits are covered.

**Administration:**

Further information regarding the Prize is available from:

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