2016 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award

We invite nominations for the 2016 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award (deadline October 1, 2015), an annual award of $100,000 CDN given to an established scientist who has demonstrated outstanding national leadership in medicine and medical science in Canada. Normally, the scientist should have a high level sustained research career in a biomedical discipline. The award is given for:

- accomplishment and leadership in a specific field of biomedical sciences (basic, clinical, population health) in Canada and/or original and sustained contributions to that field at an internationally recognized level.

- institutional academic and scientific leadership in Canada leading to the establishment and development of biomedical research in Canada and internationally.

The evaluation of the contributions of the Nominee(s) depends heavily on the quality of information supplied. Therefore, nominations should be accurate, detailed, current, complete, and with independent supporting letters from several institutions reflecting the Nominee's accomplishments.

The recipient will be formally announced on March 23, 2016 and presented at the awards dinner on October 27, 2016 in Toronto.

Please see http://www.gairdner.org/recipients/past#wightman for a list of past Canada Gairdner Wightman Laureates and http://www.gairdner.org/recipients/current for a list of the 2015 Laureates.

Nominations

a) Provide a short introduction and summary in 150 words or less of the Nominee's leadership contribution(s) to medicine in Canada.

b) Present a brief biography including academic, administrative and research positions, awards or recognitions and identify five (5) top publications.
c) Outline in an analytical and in-depth manner, how and why the leadership of the Nominee has advanced medicine in Canada and/or internationally, and clearly delineate how it is set apart from the work of others.

d) Analytically present the life-long scientific contribution of the Nominee.

e) Provide a Nominee's full current curriculum vitae and bibliography and a contact sheet listing full position, titles, letters, business address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address and support person contact.

f) Arrange for at least two (2) independent letters of support from leading national and international scientists familiar with the Nominee's work. These letters of support are particularly valuable when analytically evaluated and received from distinct institutions.

g) Self-nominations are not accepted.

h) Gairdner does not give posthumous awards.

All nominations are kept by the Foundation for up to three (3) years but should be updated annually upon request of the Foundation representative.

**Selection Process**

Nominations are reviewed by the Wightman Advisory Committee, a group of 12-15 administrative/scientific leaders who are familiar with Canadian medicine. It is chaired by Dr. John H. Dirks, President & Scientific Director of Gairdner.

The selection is made by the Advisory Committee for recommendation to the Board of Directors of The Gairdner Foundation.

Members of the Adjudication Committee are indicated on the Gairdner website – [http://www.gairdner.org/content/committees](http://www.gairdner.org/content/committees)
Conditions

The recipient of the award must indicate acceptance within five (5) business days from the date awardees being informed.

The award must be accepted in person by the recipient at The Canada Gairdner Awards dinner on October 27, 2016. The recipient is expected to participate in the National Program.

The Prize is valued at $100,000 CDN and is for the personal use of the recipient. In addition an award citation and a commemorative item will be presented.

Awards are made to Canadians without restriction as to gender, race, religion or creed.

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

Please submit in electronic format (MS Word or PDF) to nominations@gairdner.org

Nominations for 2016 should be received no later than October 1, 2015. Please note that this is a strict deadline date. Nominations received after that date will be considered the following year.