

HRF MEDAL OF HONOUR

Presented Annually by the Health Research Foundation (HRF) of Innovative Medicines Canada

Preamble: Since its inception in 1945, the Medal of Honour has been awarded to truly outstanding individuals whose research and/or contribution to public policies supportive of research and development in Canada have achieved international recognition. All recipients have made a truly notable or pivotal contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the health sciences and/or the improvement of therapeutics healthcare.

Terms of Reference:

Purpose: To communicate to the public the valuable contribution of health sciences innovation in Canada for the improvement of the quality of life for Canadians and within countries around the world.

Citation: “The Medal of Honour is granted by the Health Research Foundation (HRF) of Innovative Medicines Canada on an annual basis. This award recognizes truly outstanding individuals whose research and/or contribution to public policies supportive of research and development in Canada have achieved international recognition. Recipients can originate from a variety of fields and sectors including patient groups, educators, journalists, industry, and the public and non-profit sectors. The prize will be invested back into innovative health research at the Canadian academic facility of the recipient’s choice to promote further life sciences research in Canada.”

Governance: A Medal of Honour Committee comprised of industry and non-industry representatives governs the Medal of Honour. A new selection committee is formed every two years by the HRF Board of Directors. The committee is responsible for the call for nominations, evaluation of the nominees, and recommendation of the award recipient.

Nomination: Nominations are accepted from any Canadian individual or organization and is not limited to industry. A secondary nominator is required for the nomination to be considered and cannot originate from a current member of the Medal of Honour Committee. The nomination deadline is June 25th of the award granting year. Any nomination submitted may be considered for up to two award cycles. The nominee’s work/research must have been performed in Canada by a Canadian Resident and have achieved international recognition for its contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the health sciences, health policy and/or the improvement of therapeutics and healthcare.

Selection: The committee will provide their recommendation based on evaluation of the nomination packages submitted. Each nomination package includes a letter of recommendation from each nominator, the nominee’s Curriculum Vitae, and supplemental material that supports the nomination. Each member of the committee will submit their recommendation via a confidential ballot. The committee reserves the right to either forgo granting the award for any scheduled year or to award more than one recipient if deemed appropriate. The Chair of the HRF Board reserves the right for final approval of the recommended recipient(s).

Announcement: The award is presented at the HRF event in November. All nominations will remain confidential until the award is granted.



Award: The award recipient will receive \$20,000 to donate to the research-based, Canadian academic institution of their choice along with being presented a Medal of Honour. The recipient will make an address/presentation at the November event with content submitted to the HRF at least three weeks in advance.

Administration: More information regarding the Medal of Honour is available by contacting the HRF office at 613-236-0455 extension 286.