Selection Criteria and Procedures

Nominations are reviewed by a selection committee appointed by the Senate Committee on University Research, on the recommendation of the Vice-President (Research and International). Members of the selection committee are distinguished members of the University’s research community, who represent a broad range of disciplines/fields. The Vice-President (Research and International) chairs the selection committee and the Associate Vice-Presidents within Office of the Vice-President (Research and International), and Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Students are ex officio members.

Nominations are assessed against the following three equally weighted criteria:

- The quality of the research, scholarly or creative activities
- The impact of the research, scholarly or creative activities (in terms of advancing the field, both nationally and internationally); and
- The distinction brought to the University of Manitoba by the research, scholarly or creative activities.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations by deans/directors is May 31, 2019. One paper copy and one electronic copy in a single PDF document (with the contents of the dossier arranged in the order indicated previously) should be forwarded to the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International), attention: Mrs. Gail Cornock, (gail.cornock@umanitoba.ca).

For more information on the Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award, please contact Dr. Digvir Jayas (474-9404).

Past Bowman Established Researcher Rh Award Recipients:

1997 - Dr. Frank Hawthorne, Geological Sciences
1998 - Dr. Lotfollah Shafai, Electrical and Computer Engineering
1999 - Dr. Geoffrey Eales, Biological Sciences
2000 - Dr. Timothy Anna, History
2001 - Dr. Vaclav Smil, Environment & Geography
2002 - Dr. Francis Plummer, Microbiology
2003 - Dr. Naranjan Dhalla, Physiology/Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences
2004 - Dr. Gerald Friesen, History
2005 - Dr. Lesley Degner, Nursing
2006 - Dr. Garry Martin, Psychology
2007 - Dr. Robert Hill, Plant Science
2008 - Dr. Digvir Jayas, Biosystems Engineering
2009 - Dr. Harvey Chochinov, Psychiatry
2010 - Dr. Stephen Moses, Internal Medicine/Community Health Sciences
2011 - Dr. Jan Oleszkiewicz, Civil Engineering
2012 - Dr. Kent HayGlass, Immunology/Pediatrics and Child Health/Microbiology
2013 - Dr. Cheryl Rockman-Greenberg, Pediatrics and Child Health/Biochemistry and Medical Genetics
2014 - Dr. Diana Brydon, English, Film & Theatre
2015 - Dr. David Barber, Environment & Geography/CEOS
2016 - Dr. Charles Bernstein, Internal Medicine
2017 - Dr. Peter Kulchyski, Native Studies
The Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation was established in 1994. The objective of the Foundation is to support the advancement of knowledge in all fields, and it derives funds for this purpose from royalties arising from the sale of serums and medicinal formulae.

**Purpose and Nature of Award**

The purpose of the Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award, which was established in 1997 and renamed in Dr. Bowman’s memory in 2005, is to recognize outstanding research accomplishments by a non-retired, established university faculty member. The Bowman Established Researcher Rh Award consists of a research grant in the amount of $25,000, which must be utilized within three years and is non-transferrable, and a medal. An annual special event is held to present the award, followed by a lecture to be delivered by the award recipient and a reception.

**Nomination Procedures**

Nominations are made by deans/directors on behalf of faculties/schools. The dean/director is entitled to submit no more than one nomination per year supported by the appropriate documentation as outlined below. While the specific procedures whereby a nominee is selected by a given faculty/school rest with the dean/director, it is expected that the dean/director will seek the advice of an appropriate committee/body (e.g., faculty research committee, executive committee, etc.), as well as provide consideration to gender equity in the selection of a nominee. For further information on nomination procedures, please contact the appropriate faculty/school office.

Nominations must be supported by:

- A statement describing the procedures followed in making the nomination;
- A detailed letter of support from the dean/director for the nominee, stating why the nominee qualifies for the award, with specific reference to each of the criteria for the award;
- A letter of recommendation from the department head, where appropriate;
- A listing of up to four of the nominee’s most significant research, scholarly or creative works, with a brief summary of their importance;
- Three (but not more than three) letters, marked CONFIDENTIAL, from external assessors in the nominee’s field which address the nominee’s suitability in terms of each of the award criteria. The assessors must be outside experts, ideally with no collaboration or trainee link to the nominee. For the information of the selection committee members, the dean/director must provide a short biography (not a curriculum vitae) on each of the external assessors noting, if necessary, the nature of any collaboration or trainee link to the nominee; and
- A current curriculum vitae of the nominee.

In preparing nominations, please bear in mind that this award is highly competitive. Accordingly, nominations must be both complete and compelling, and provide clear evidence of the nominee’s suitability in terms of each of the award criteria. Please consider the following questions when responding to the award criteria—What has this person done to transform their field? Why does this matter? Why should we care? Also, nominations should be developed taking into account that members of the selection committee represent a broad range of disciplines/fields and should be presented in a fashion that is accessible to such a committee. This is particularly important in describing the nominee’s suitability for this award in terms of the three assessment criteria.