

TOP PRIORITY RESEARCH AWARD OPPORTUNITIES – SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2020

The following research award opportunities have internal deadlines for institutional nomination or endorsement. Please submit a [candidate recommendation form](#) by the internal deadline date noted below. The internal submission will be reviewed by the [President's Advisory Committee on Awards, Honours and Prizes](#) for recommending which will proceed to institutional nomination in this competition year.

As some of these dates are based on last year's calls, these dates are subject to change. For the latest information, please visit the [Funding and Award Opportunities Database](#).

TOP PRIORITY AWARDS IN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

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Simons Investigators	Oct 31	July 6*	International	Early	100,000 USD per year for 5-year term	Mathematics, Physics, Theoretical Computer Science
<p>Supports the most active and creative researchers during the years when they are developing into and serving as the intellectual leaders of the field and to provide them with resources to undertake new and creative investigations. The nominees are judged on their potential for innovative, new contributions to science over the coming years. <i>*The foundation will accept up to two nominations per university in each award category.</i></p>						

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CIHR Gold Leaf Prizes	Oct 10 TBC	July 6*	Canadian	All	100,000 CAD	Health Sciences
<p>Awarded every two years to an individual or team for excellence in health research and its translation into benefits for Canadians. <i>*Nominations are only accepted from institutions, organizations and networks.</i></p>						

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CIHR Trailblazer Award in Population and Public Health Research	Nov 15 TBC	Oct 15*	Canadian	All	12,500 CAD for up to three awards	Health
<p>Recognizes exceptional contributions in population and public health research. Applicants must have made substantial impacts on the field and its use in policy and/or practice in Canada and/or internationally. The award also recognizes leadership, mentorship, and innovative contributions. Up to three awards will be given, for exceptional researchers at different career stages. <i>*The candidate must be nominated by a member of the Canadian health research community and endorsed by the candidate's institution.</i></p>						
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Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prizes	Nov 1	July 6*	Canadian	“Close to top of an outstanding career”	50,000 CAD	Social Sciences and Humanities, Arts
<p>Awarded annually to distinguished individuals, one in the arts and one in the social sciences and humanities, to encourage continuing contributions to the cultural and intellectual heritage of Canada. Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. <i>*If institutional nomination is sought.</i></p>						
Bank of Canada Fellowship	Nov 30	July 6*	Canadian	Mid, Senior	50,000 CAD per year for a term of up to 5 years	Economics, Business, Commerce
<p>Fosters excellence in Canadian research related to the Bank’s responsibilities for monetary policy, the financial system, currency and funds management. Promotes collaboration and partnerships between Bank researchers and leading academics; contributes to the education and development of Canada’s researchers. Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. <i>*This is an institutional nomination.</i></p>						
Bank of Canada Governor's Award	Nov 30	July 6*	Canadian	Early	30,000 CAD per year for a term of up to 2 years	Economics, Business, Commerce
<p>Provides financial support to academics who are recognized for their expertise and research in areas important to the Bank's core functions. Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents who have obtained a PhD within 10 years of their nomination and be employed in an associate or assistant professor position during the two-year term of the award. <i>*This is an institutional nomination.</i></p>						
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OTHER MAJOR AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

For assistance with the following opportunities, including arranging for internal and/or external review of a draft nomination, please contact awards@sfu.ca at least three months' in advance of the external deadline. *As some of these dates are based on last year's calls for nomination, these dates are subject to change. For the latest information and more award opportunities, please visit the [Funding and Award Opportunities Database](#).*

OTHER MAJOR AWARDS IN SCIENCE, APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Award	External Deadline	Type	Career Level	Value (\$)	Primary Field
Sackler Prize in Physics	Sep 1 TBC	Int'l (Israel)	Mid	100,000 USD	Biophysics, Physics, Chemistry
Promotes originality and excellence of research in the field					
Abel Prize	Sep 15	Int'l (Norway)	Senior	1,000,000 USD	Science & Engineering, Mathematics
Recognizes contributions to the field of mathematics that are of extraordinary depth and influence.					
Sloan Research Fellowships	Sep 15	Int'l (USA)	Early	75,000 USD over 2 years	Science, Applied Science
Stimulates fundamental research by early-career scientists and scholars of outstanding promise in <i>chemistry, computer science, economics, mathematics, molecular biology, neuroscience, ocean sciences, physics or related field</i> ; tenure-track though untenured as of Sep 15, 2020 with a regular teaching obligation.					
Wolf Prize	Sep 17 TBC	Int'l (Israel)	Senior	100,000 USD	Sciences: Agriculture, Chemistry, Mathematics, Medicine and Physics
Awards scientists and artists for their achievements for humanity and for friendly relations between peoples, regardless of nationality, race, color, religion, gender, or political outlook. 2021 awards will be in <i>physics, chemistry, agriculture, medicine and music</i> .					
Royal Society of London Foreign Fellowship	Sep 30	Int'l (UK)	Senior	Honourary	Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Medicine
Recognizes candidates that have made 'a substantial contribution to the improvement of natural knowledge, including <i>mathematics, engineering science</i> and medical science. Each year, up to 10 new Foreign Members are elected. Institutional and regular nominations (by two Fellows of the Royal Society) are permitted.					
Stockholm Water Prize	Sep 30	Int'l (Sweden)	Senior	150,000 USD	All
Honours women, men and organizations whose work contributes to the conservation and protection of water resources, and to the well-being of the planet and its inhabitants.					

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Tang Prize	Sep 30	Int'l (Taiwan)	Senior	40,000,000 NT (TWD)	Sustainable Development, Biopharmaceutical Science, Sinology, and the Rule of Law
Recognizes and supports contributors for their revolutionary efforts in the four major fields of Sustainable Development, Biopharmaceutical Science, Sinology, and Rule of Law.					
Blue Planet Prize	Oct 1	Int'l (Japan)	All	50,000,000 Yen	Interdisciplinary
Recognizes major contributions to solving global environmental problems, in the hopes of encouraging efforts to bring about the healing of the Earth's fragile environment.					
Arctic Inspiration Prize	Oct 14	CAN	All	\$100,000 - \$1,000,000	Social Sciences & Humanities, Science & Engineering, Arctic
Recognizes and encourages teamwork and collaboration among diverse groups and organizations, from north and south, in addressing the causes rather than the symptoms of issues of importance to the Canadian Arctic and its Peoples. Optional Letter of Intent due Sep 8.					
Heineken Prizes	Oct 15	Int'l (NL)	Senior	200,000 USD	Science
Recognizes unique achievement in the fields of biochemistry and biophysics, medicine, environmental sciences, history, and cognitive science					
Canadian Academy of Engineering Fellowships	Oct 31	CAN	Senior	Honourary	Science & Engineering
One of the highest professional honours accorded an engineer. Fellow of the CAE are nominated and elected by their peers (current CAE Fellows) to honorary fellowship in the Academy in view of their distinguished achievements and career-long service to the engineering profession.					
Fondation Fyssen International Prize	Nov 4 TBC	Intl'l (France)	Senior	100,000 EUR	Ethology, psychology, neurobiology, anthropology, ethnology, archaeology
Awarded to a scientist who has conducted distinguished research in the areas supported by the Foundation					
Eni Awards	Nov 22 TBC	Int'l (Italy)	Senior	200,000 EUR	Multidisciplinary. Award categories include Advanced Environmental Solutions, Energy Frontiers, Energy Transition, Debut in Research.

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Provides a benchmark for innovative research into energy in all its forms.					
Shaw Prize	Nov 30	Int'l (Hong Kong)	All	1,200,000 USD	Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, Mathematical Sciences
Honours individuals, regardless of race, nationality, gender and religious belief, who have recently achieved significant breakthrough in academic and scientific research or applications and whose work has resulted in a positive and profound impact on mankind.					
Dan David Prize	Nov 30	Int'l (Israel)	Senior	1,000,000 USD	Each year, one field is chosen within 3 time dimensions.
Recognizes and encourages innovative and interdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms.					
Gruber Prizes	Dec 15	Int'l (USA)	Senior	500,000 USD	Cosmology, Genetics, and Neuroscience
Honours individuals in the fields of Cosmology, Genetics, and Neuroscience, whose ground breaking work provides new models that inspire and enable fundamental shifts in knowledge and culture.					
Albert Einstein World Award of Science	Dec 18 TBC	Int'l (USA)	Senior	10,000 USD	Health Sciences, Natural Sciences
Recognized and encourages scientific and technological research and development, taken into special consideration research which has brought true benefit and wellbeing to mankind.					
Benjamin Franklin Medals	Ongoing	Int'l (USA)	Senior		Chemistry, Computer and Cognitive Science, Earth and Environmental Science, Electrical Engineering, Life Science, Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Physics
Recognizes and promotes excellence in science, technology, and industry.					
Order of Canada	Ongoing	Canadian	Senior	Honourary	All
Recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation.					

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Baillet Latour Health Prize	Sep 30	Int'l (USA)	All	250,000 EUR	Biomedical. Upcoming theme: <i>Infectious Diseases (2021)</i>
Recognizes outstanding scientific achievements in biomedical research for the benefit of human health.					
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Wiley Prize in Biomedical Sciences	Sep 30	Int'l (USA)	Senior	50,000 USD	Biomedical Sciences
Honours a specific contribution or series of contributions that demonstrate significant leadership or innovation in the development of research concepts or their clinical application.					
Canada Gairdner Awards	Oct 1	International (Canada)	All	100,000 CAD	Health Sciences
Annually, seven awards are given: five Canada Gairdner International Awards for biomedical research, the John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award , specifically for impact on global health issues, and the Canada Gairdner Wightman Award , reserved for a Canadian scientist showcasing scientific excellence and leadership. Each laureate receives \$100,000 CDN that they can put towards anything they wish.					

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Warren Alpert Foundation Prize	Oct 31 TBC	Int'l (USA)	Senior	500,000 USD	Biomedical, Health Science
Recognizes and honours one or more scientists whose scientific research achievements have led to the prevention, cure or treatment of human diseases or disorders, and/or whose research constitutes a seminal scientific finding that holds great promise of ultimately changing understanding of or ability to treat disease.					
Takeda Innovators in Science Award	Nov 22 TBC	Int'l (USA)	Early, Senior	\$200,000 USD	Biomedical science
Recognizes an Early Career Scientist and outstanding Senior Scientist's contributions to science in the therapeutic areas of neuroscience, gastroenterology, regenerative medicine, and oncology.					
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Guggenheim Fellowships	Sep 16	Int'l (USA)	Mid	Varies	All
Intended for men and women who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts. Candidates must apply in order to be considered.					
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Honours a renowned educator, an authority in the field of teaching, or someone who has brought about visionary development in education policy.					
John W. Kluge Prize for Achievement in the Study of Humanity	Ongoing	Int'l (USA)	Senior	1,000,000 USD	Social Sciences & Humanities
Recognizes and celebrates work of the highest quality and greatest impact that advances understanding of the human experience.					
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