



## Backgrounder - About FCIHR

Friends of CIHR promotes health research and health research funding and communicates the benefits to society.

### **PURPOSE:**

Through its programs and activities, Friends of CIHR seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- To support the goals and values of the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR).
- To communicate and promote the significance of health research and related matters to the broadest possible public audience and to engage this audience in informed discourse. To focus on health research and health research policy.
- To establish community-based partnerships to assist in the achievement of goals.
- To foster awareness through media contacts in order to share ideas about the role of science in society.
- To share knowledge and experience of leaders in health and health research with the lay community through public forums, on a variety of contemporary topics.
- To attract and support health research trainees in their career development.

Previous Friesen prize winners are Dr. Joseph Martin in 2006 and Dr. John Evans in 2007.

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