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## **THE JANET ROSSANT LECTURESHIP (est. 2018)**

**Presented Annually by:**

**Massey College and Friends of Canadian Institutes of Health Research (FCIHR)**

### **PREAMBLE:**

*The Janet Rossant Lectureship was established at Massey College in recognition of Dr. Janet Rossant's distinguished career as a scientist, builder and leader in medical research. This, coupled with her dedicated mentorship of young scientists and scholars is reflected in the purpose of this honour. This honorific Lectureship will attract accomplished visiting scientists to engage graduate students and faculty members alike, as part of Massey Grand Rounds (MGR) program at Massey College.*

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Purpose:**

To host promising health scientists at the Assistant or Associate Professor level, and enliven the intellectual discourse at Massey College. To increase the exposure of Junior and Senior Fellows to advances in health research. To enhance the impact and interest in the annual Massey Grand Rounds Symposium:

#### **Award:**

The Award consists of a cash prize of \$2,000 CAD plus economy air fare, hotel and hospitality costs as associated with the fulfillment of the lecture and in-person participation in the annual MGR Symposium. An engraved plaque commemorating the honour is presented:

#### **Recipient Responsibilities:**

- The Lecturer will deliver an address of approximately one hour in length that may be videorecorded for later broadcast online. The Lecture should appeal to a broad audience and present ideas in the spirit of Dr. Janet Rossant's long-standing contributions. An abstract of the lecture is to be submitted six weeks prior to the event for promotional purposes.
- The Lecturer will participate in the Massey Grand Rounds Symposium and meet with early career investigators and senior leaders over the 1 ½ day visit, as appropriate
- The Lecturer will be available for media interviews

**Governance:**

An advisory committee made up of eight (8) member(s) including 2 Junior Fellow Co chairs of Massey Grand Rounds of the Massey Community governs the Lectureship. The President of FCIHR (or his/her delegate) serves as chair. Members of the committee are drawn from the academic health research community. The principal of Massey College (Principal James Orbinski) and Dr. Janet Rossant are ex-officio non-voting members. Vacancies are filled at the discretion of the Chair.

The Committee responsible for the call and deadline for nominations, vetting submissions, evaluating nominees, selecting the Honouree, as well as establishing the annual Lecture and Award venues and all partnership and sponsorship arrangements. Accountability to the supporting organizations occurs annually.

**Collaborations:**

Massey College through the MGR program established the lectureship in collaboration with Friends of CIHR. Other scientific organizations may be engaged to participate at the discretion of the Chair.

**Sponsorship:**

Organizations or institutions that wish to promote mentorship of graduate students in the health sciences and maximize their social, economic and health benefits may be eligible to co-sponsor the lectureship.

**Nominations:**

Members of the Advisory Committee and the others submit nominations. Information related to the nomination and selection process is confidential. Nomination forms are available online:

**Selection and Announcement**

The Advisory Committee considers nominations in the spring and selection is made through a series of confidential ballots. Typically, the Awardee is announced in the beginning of the Fall term each year, but this may vary.

For questions and concerns please email the committee chair, Dr. Aubie Angel at [aubie.angel@utoronto.ca](mailto:aubie.angel@utoronto.ca).