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Call for Dr. Samarthji Lal Award for Mental Health Research: 2021 Award

The Sam Lal award has a prize of \$25,000.00 and recognizes a researcher working in a Canadian institution in the area of mental health. Nominations for the 2020 award must be submitted by January 22, 2021. The main requirements for a nomination include a brief summary of the candidate's contribution to the field, a curriculum vitae and two letters of support.

The Dr. Samarthji Lal award for mental health research

The Dr. Samarthji Lal award recognizes a researcher working in a Canadian institution in the area of mental health, with a focus on major mental disorders, who is mid-career and making an outstanding contribution to the field. The recipient will demonstrate scientific excellence and innovative "out-of-the-box" thinking that will contribute in a concrete way to bringing hope and relief to patients.

In order to be considered for the award, each candidate must be nominated by a colleague or mentor who is familiar with the Nominee's work. The recipient will be selected on a competitive basis, by an expert review panel composed of eminent scientists from across Canada and outside. The panel will make their recommendation of the recipient based upon the award criteria.

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction and the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology are marketing partners with respect to this award.

Dr. Samarthji Lal

The Dr. Samarthji Lal award for mental health research was created in memory of psychiatrist and researcher Dr. Samarthji Lal, who passed away on November 1st, 2009. Samarthji Lal, LRCP (Lond) MRCS (England) MB, BS (Guy's Hospital Medical School, University of London), Dip Psy (McGill) (with distinction), FRCPC, ABPN, was Staff Psychiatrist at the Douglas Institute, Senior Psychiatrist at the Montreal General Hospital, Professor of Psychiatry at McGill University and former Director of the McGill Centre for Research on Schizophrenia. In 1980, he set up Canada's first brain bank at the Douglas Hospital Research Institute. He was a cofounder, with Dr. N.P.V. Nair, of the Douglas Mental Health University Institute Research Centre in 1979. He played a pivotal role in obtaining funds from the EJLB Foundation to set up the McGill Centre for Research on Schizophrenia, and from the Boeckh Family Foundation to establish the Graham Boeckh Chair in Schizophrenia at McGill.

Dr. Lal authored more than 200 publications in peer reviewed journals and books. In recognition of his research contributions, Dr. Lal was the recipient of the CCNP Heinz Lehmann Award in 1986; the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Distinguished Scientist Award for Schizophrenia Research in 1997 and the 2002 CCNP Innovations in Neuropsychopharmacology Award.



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- Purpose:** To recognize an outstanding researcher working in a Canadian institution in the area of mental health, with a special focus on major mental disorders.
- Amount of award:** \$25,000.00 in Canadian funds, to be directed to the institution (the recipient cannot receive the funds personally).
- Number of awards:** One per year.
- Nomination deadline:** January 22, 2021. The recipient of the award will be announced the spring/summer of 2021.
- Eligibility:** Open to all researchers in the field affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical institution, who are in the mid-stage of their career, and therefore seven to 15 years from their initial appointment at the time of the submission. Under exceptional circumstances, the committee may consider a candidate who is outside of this limit.

Nomination requirements

The Nominator must submit:

- 1) A short introduction and summary of the candidate's contribution to mental health research. Note that all nominations in the field of psychiatry qualify, as will some nominations psychology, social work and related fields;
- 2) An outline of how the candidate meets the award criteria of demonstrating excellence and innovation, setting them apart from others in the field;

[For parts 1) and 2), a combined maximum total of eight pages]

- 3) A curriculum vitae of the candidate, listing academic history (degrees obtained, professional history), awards and honours, and publications; and a brief biographical sketch of the candidate;
- 4) Two letters of support for the Nomination, from colleagues/mentors familiar with the candidate's work;
- 5) Manuscripts and reprints, written by the nominee, which are considered by the sponsor to be pertinent to the nomination and which highlight the nominee's work;
- 6) The Nominator's and Nominee's full contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail).

Applications should be sent to:

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The preference is to receive nominations in electronic format (MS Word or pdf):

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