

CHARTER
CELIAC DISEASE FOUNDATION PRIZE
FOR
EXCELLENCE IN CELIAC DISEASE RESEARCH

The Celiac Disease Foundation Prize for Excellence in Celiac Disease Research recognizes investigators whose research is judged to have made a significant contribution to the field of celiac disease research. The Prize is awarded annually in the amount of \$25,000 USD and is presented at the Annual Research Symposium sponsored by the Celiac Disease Foundation.

1. PRIZE INFORMATION AND CRITERIA

- 1.1. **Prize Administrator.** The Prize Administrator is the Celiac Disease Foundation.
- 1.2. **Selection.** The Selection Jury as described herein shall select the Prize Laureate.
- 1.3. **Eligibility.** The Prize Laureate must be an individual whose research has made a significant contribution to the field of celiac disease. The Prize Laureate must be living at the time of award and able to present their research at the Celiac Disease Annual Research Symposium.
- 1.4. **Criteria.** The Prize shall be awarded solely on the significance of clinical, translational, or transformative research and its impact on celiac disease patients.
- 1.5. **Exclusions.** The Prize shall be awarded based on actual research contributions, and not for the establishment or development of a research institution or research infrastructure. To avoid the appearance of conflict of interest, employees of for-profit pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies will not be eligible. Jurors may not be presented as Nominees during their service on the Selection Jury. Prior Prize Laureates are not eligible for nomination, but prior Nominees who were not selected in previous award cycles may be nominated in subsequent award cycles with no limit. Previous recipients of the Warren Prize for Excellence in Celiac Disease Research or the Maki Celiac Disease Tampere Prize are not eligible for nomination.
- 1.6. **Official Language.** English is the official language for the Prize administration, including the nomination process, deliberations, and associated materials as described herein.

2. SELECTION JURY

- 2.1. **Purpose.** The Selection Jury shall be responsible for making nominations, deliberating over the Nominees, and selecting the Prize Laureate as outlined herein.

- 2.2. **Composition.** The Selection Jury shall be comprised of five (5) Jurors. The Prize Administrator will select and appoint the Jurors, with priority given to individuals who have served in national or international capacities in the field of celiac disease research. Jurors may be reappointed in non-successive award cycles, with no limit to the number of reappointments.
- 2.3. **Chairperson.** In addition to the five (5) Jurors, the Prize Administrator shall appoint one (1) Chairperson of the Selection Jury. The Chairperson shall be a non-voting member and coordinate and moderate the selection process. An alternate Chairperson will also be appointed in the event that the Chairperson must recuse themselves do to a conflict of interest with any of the Nominees.
- 2.4. **Honorarium.** Jurors shall receive an honorarium of \$500 for their professional time, effort, and service.
- 2.5. **Requirements of Service.** Jurors will be required to:
- 1) Identify two (2) Nominees for the Prize.
 - 2) Write a Nomination Statement not greater than 500 words for each Nominee as described in Section 3.3.
 - 3) Attend and participate in deliberations as described herein and make a brief oral presentation on the merits of his or her two (2) Nominees to the Selection Jury.
 - 4) Participate in a panel discussion at the Annual Research Symposium.
- 2.6. **Incapacitation.** If, for any reason, a Juror is unable to meet the requirements listed in Section 2.5, he or she will be removed from the Jury.

3. **NOMINATIONS**

- 3.1. **Prize Laureate Nominations.** Nominations for the Prize Laureate shall only be made by members of the Selection Jury. The Prize is not open to application, although Jurors may choose Nominees recommended by the celiac disease community at large through an open call for Letters of Recommendation for Nominations as described in Section 3.2. Jurors are asked not to discuss or confer regarding potential Nominees or actual nominations with other Jurors prior to or outside of official deliberations. A Nominee may be nominated by multiple Jurors, and Jurors will not be asked to make an alternate nomination in the case of multiple nominations from any other Juror(s). The Juror may inform Nominees that they have been nominated, but the Prize Administrator will coordinate directly with all Nominees on all aspects of the Nomination Process as described herein.
- 3.2. **Letters of Recommendation for Nomination.** The Prize Administrator will make an open call for Letters of Recommendation for Nominations of no more than 500 words to

give the community at-large an opportunity to suggest Nominees for the Prize. Only those Letters submitted during the timeframe specified by the Prize Administrator will be considered. The Prize Administrator will compile all Letters of Recommendation and distribute them to the Selection Jury. Jurors may review Letters of Recommendation for Nominations at their discretion and are not obligated to take Letters of Recommendation for Nominations into account in making their nominations. Any person writing a Letter of Recommendation for Nominations is prohibited from making unsolicited contact with Jurors. Violating this rule will result in the Prize Administrator withdrawing the Letter of Recommendation for Nomination.

3.3. **Nomination Dossier.** The Prize Administrator will compile a Nomination Dossier for each Nominee that will be circulated to the Jurors for review prior to deliberations, consisting of:

- 1) Nomination Statement of no more than 500 words, written by the Juror making the nomination and addressing the selection criteria outlined in Section 1.3 herein
- 2) Nominee's curriculum vitae with career and publication highlights

4. **DELIBERATIONS AND SELECTION**

4.1 **Quorum.** A quorum of all five (5) Jurors must be present for the entirety of deliberations.

4.2 **Confidentiality.** The deliberations shall be confidential and closed. Only Selection Jury members and representatives of the Prize Administrator may be present during the deliberations. In addition, names of all unselected Nominees shall remain confidential.

5 **Deliberations.** The Prize Laureate shall be selected during deliberations that shall last for no longer than one (1) day, with presentations to support each Nominee will be made by the respective nominating Juror. Presentations should address the Selection Criteria as described in Section 1.4.

5.1 **Voting Process.** The slate of Nominees shall be reduced by successive rounds of elimination. Jurors shall vote by secret ballot on rounds. After each round, one or more Nominees will be eliminated, with cut points determined by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will announce the names of the remaining Nominees. Further discussion may follow for each round at the discretion of the Chairperson, including the time allotted for the discussion. As Nominees are eliminated, the Jury will continue voting until two (2) Nominees remain. The final choice between those two (2) Nominees will be made by majority vote. The Nominee receiving the majority vote shall be declared the Prize Laureate.

5.2 **Early Conclusion of Deliberations.** Should the Jurors reach a unanimous decision

at any point during the deliberations, Jurors can motion to close the deliberation process and declare the unanimously chosen Nominee the Prize Laureate.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF LAUREATE

- 5.1 **Public Announcement.** Coordination of the announcement of the Prize Laureate will be the responsibility solely of the Celiac Disease Foundation.
- 5.2 **Official Conferral of the Prize.** The Prize will be officially conferred upon the Prize Laureate at the Celiac Disease Foundation Annual Research Symposium, or by similar ceremony. The Prize Laureate will be provided with two round-trip coach airfares and hotel accommodations for up to 3-nights and other travel-related expenses.
- 5.3 **Posthumous Award.** In the event that the Prize Laureate dies prior to the conferral of the Prize, the Prize for that year will still bear his or her name. The monetary award will remain in the Prize endowment and will not be distributed.
- 5.4 **Lecture.** The Prize Laureate shall present a lecture at the Celiac Disease Foundation Annual Research Symposium, or similar ceremony at the time of presentation of the Prize.