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2024 Terry Fox Humanitarian Awards Announced *students receive prestigious scholarship*

Toronto, ON, Monday, May 27, 2024 – Fourteen humanitarians who have the potential to change the world are to receive the 2024 Terry Fox Humanitarian Award.

Ranging from the ages of 16 to 22, these young Canadians have already made substantial contributions to humanitarian issues in their communities and more globally. Courage, resilience, and altruistic energy radiates through them, and their inspiring stories ought to be shared with all Canadians.

“We are thrilled to announce this year’s recipients of the Award. This cohort will join a community whose aim is to continue Terry Fox’s heroic legacy of bettering humanity through dedication and perseverance. Terry showed us what one person can accomplish, what one Canadian can do for the greater good, even when odds are stacked against them,” shared Executive Director of the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program, Paulina Chow-White, who also added:

“In doing so, Terry ingrained a sense of purpose, tenacity, and goodwill that is now interwoven into our national identity. Although it was not his original intention, he provided us with a clarion call to action which Canadians need more today than ever before.”

The winners and this year’s graduates will be announced on May 27th at a special event hosted by House Speaker, the Hon. Greg Fergus, on Parliament Hill. He will be joined by co-hosts Ms. Pam Damoff, M.P., Mr. John Brassard, M.P., Mr. Jagmeet Singh, M.P., and Ms. Elizabeth May, M.P., representing the Liberal, Conservative, NDP, and Green parties respectively, highlighting the non-partisan history of the program.

Established in 1982 with a \$5 million endowment by the Government of Canada under Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and another \$10 million under Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s government in 2006, an additional \$10 million has been allotted in this year’s 2024 Federal Budget which is still to be passed in Parliament.



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Terry Fox Humanitarian Award recipients are a diverse group, originating from different walks of life and corners of Canada. Each has confronted challenges that have shaped their outlook on the world, and each reminds us of the fiery motivation of Terry, to tackle a humanitarian issue and better the lives of others.

This year's cohort includes advocates for marginalized people, mental health, education access, food security, refugee integration, child welfare, environmental action, medical and health research, and the right to practice one's faith. The program will support each student's journey towards their first degree, with the hope that this will allow them to continue devoting their energies to purposeful action in critical areas that will improve greater society.

The 2024 Terry Fox Humanitarian Award recipients are:

Maryam Al-Sabawi, Saint André Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London, ON
Armine Arslanian, Georges Vanier Secondary School, North York, ON
Isabella Bae, J.N. Burnett Secondary School, Richmond, BC
Isis Darosa, University of British Columbia, Surrey, BC
Alexandra Elmslie, University of Western Ontario, Guelph, ON
Jamie He, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
Kate Hunter, Earl Marriott secondary school, Surrey, BC
Christel Mazzek, St. John Brebeuf Secondary, Abbotsford, BC
Shubh Patel, University of Toronto, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, Grande Prairie, AB
Baljot Rai, St. Paul's High School, Winnipeg, MB
Diya Reddy, Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, Surrey, BC
Monica Tonlé, McGill University, Gatineau, QC
Machaila Wesch-Dawson, École Secondaire Catholique Monseigneur Bruyère, London, ON
Geneva White, McMaster University, Calgary, AB

For bios and photos of each of the recipients, please click here:

<https://terryfoxawards.ca/current-recipients/>

This year's graduates are:

2019, Kylie Dennis, Trent University, Baltimore, ON
2020, Sarah Gingles, Queen's University, Moncton, NB
2020, Victoria Lui, University of Toronto, Quispamsis, NB
2020, Isabella MacKay, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON



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2020, Vessa MacNeil, Acadia University, New Waterford, NS
2019, Coleton Myers, University of Waterloo, Dartmouth, NS
2020, Wing Tse, University of Guelph, Toronto, ON

Background on the Program

The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program was created to commemorate Terry's remarkable life and his contributions to cancer research and awareness. Since its inception in 1982, more than 1,040 young leaders have received the Award and are now leaders in health, education, sport, law, finance, communications, education, and various other disciplines.

Recognized as one of the most prestigious scholarships in the country, the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program is dedicated to honoring and advancing the humanitarian legacy of Terry Fox, one of Canada's most recognized heroes. By encouraging Canadian youth to emulate the Award's aims to inspire, empower, and connect humanitarians with a view to changing the world, our recipients take up the mission of solving the most critical challenges facing us today.

To learn more about the program and our scholars, please visit:
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