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2024 Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Winners Announced

Students selected to receive the prestigious scholarship include advocates for education, mental health and marginalized people

Toronto, ON, Monday, May 27, 2024 – Fourteen young humanitarians with the potential to change the world have been selected as winners of the 2024 Terry Fox Humanitarian Award.

Established in 1982, the prestigious scholarship is awarded annually to students who exemplify the humanitarian ideals of Terry Fox by volunteering and giving back to their communities. The program supports each student’s journey towards their first degree to enable them to continue their important work for the benefit of society.

“Terry Fox showed us what one person can accomplish for the greater good, even when the odds are stacked against them,” said Paulina Chow-White, Executive Director, Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program. “This year’s extraordinary Terry Fox Humanitarian Award winners have already made substantial contributions to humanitarian issues in their communities and beyond. They will join a community of past recipients all focused on continuing Terry Fox’s heroic legacy of bettering humanity through dedication and perseverance.”

Ranging in age from 16 to 22 years old, and hailing from regions across Canada, this year’s award winners have each persevered through significant personal challenges and have emerged as strong and inspiring changemakers. This year’s cohort includes advocates for marginalized people, mental health, education access, food security, medical and health research, and the right to practice one’s faith.

A full list of winners is available below. Bios and photos of each winner are available [here](#).

Maryam Al-Sabawi, London, ON
Armine Arslanian, Toronto, ON
Isabella Bae, Richmond, BC
Isis Darosa, Kelowna, BC
Alexandra Elmslie, Guelph, ON
Jamie He, Vancouver, BC
Kate Hunter, Surrey, BC
Christel Mazzek, Abbotsford, BC
Shubh Patel, Grande Prairie, AB
Baljot Rai, Winnipeg, MB
Diya Reddy, Surrey, BC
Monica Tonlé, Gatineau, QC
Machaila Wesch-Dawson, London, ON
Geneva White, Calgary, AB



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“In embarking on his marathon of hope, Terry Fox ingrained a sense of purpose, tenacity, and goodwill that is now interwoven into our national identity,” continued Paulina Chow-White, Executive Director, Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program. “Although it was not his original intention, he provided us with a clarion call to action which Canadians need more today than ever before. I am pleased to say that this year’s award recipients have risen to the challenge of continuing Terry’s legacy through their inspiring work.”

Past award recipients who are graduating this year are listed below. Bios and photos of each graduate are available [here](#).

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

This year’s recipients and graduates will be honoured May 27th, at a special event on Parliament Hill hosted by House Speaker the Hon. Greg Fergus, with members of parliament including Pam Damoff (Liberal), John Brassard (Conservative), Jagmeet Singh (NDP), and Elizabeth May (Green Party) co-hosting.

To learn more about the program and the scholars, please visit: www.terryfoxawards.ca

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About the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award 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



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changing the world, our recipients take up the mission of solving the most critical challenges facing us today.