

Brain Canada Foundation Turnbull-Tator Award in Spinal Cord Injury and Concussion Research 2022

Sponsor

Brain Canada Foundation and The Barbara Turnbull Foundation for Spinal Cord Research

Description

In 1983, Barbara Turnbull sustained an extremely severe injury when she was shot during a robbery, which caused quadriplegia. Undeterred, she pursued a career in journalism while striving to encourage and support research in Canada into the basic science of neurotrauma. In addition, she tried to improve rehabilitation and access to care for people living with the effects of major trauma to the nervous system. In July 2015, Barbara Turnbull was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada in recognition of her contributions to the betterment of this country.

The Turnbull-Tator Award was originally established in 2001 in honour of Barbara Turnbull, known as the Barbara Turnbull Award, in recognition of the work that Barbara had done to raise awareness about spinal cord injuries and her advocacy for excellence in research done in Canada in this field. The Barbara Turnbull Foundation for Spinal Cord Research and Brain Canada partnered in 2019 to expand the scope of the Award to include traumatic brain injury and concussion research as well as reposition the award to recognize a recent publication that significantly impacts those fields. Accordingly, the name of the Award was changed to reflect the very close relationship and sense of common purpose between Barbara Turnbull and her neurosurgeon, Dr. Charles Tator, a dear friend, mentor, and colleague.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be an author on an article published, or accepted for publication, between October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022 and affiliated with a Canadian institution at the time of publication. Articles with co-first authorship will be considered.
- Publication must be an original research article in an international peer-reviewed journal.
- Research topic and findings must be clearly relevant to spinal cord and/or brain injury, including concussion. Some examples of acceptable topics can be found in the [request for applications](#).
- Nominees must be considered an independent researcher at their institution. Such an individual normally holds the rank of assistant or associate professor; can initiate and direct their own independent lines of research as principal investigator; has full responsibility for running their laboratories; has full control of their research funds; and is permitted to supervise trainees (if applicable, as per their institution's policy).

- Postdoctoral fellows or adjunct faculty are not eligible to apply.
- Nominees must still be actively conducting research in the field of spinal cord and/or brain injury at a Canadian institution for the duration of the award.
- Self-nominations (limited to one per person) and nominations by a colleague, mentor, or previous supervisor will be accepted. Please note that a publication can only be submitted once per award cycle.

Prize

This year, the awarded \$50 000 will be utilized to support the salary / stipend of full-time graduate student(s) (M.Sc., Ph.D.) or postdoctoral fellow(s) conducting research in the recipient's laboratory and contributing to the continuation of the excellent research exemplified by the awarded publication.

Special Notes

Please note that research activities carried out in the context of COVID-19 need to adhere to the University of Guelph COVID-19 research principles, policies, guidelines and processes as they may be updated from time to time and communicated on the [Office of Research web-page](#).

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Wednesday, November 30, 2022 - 4:00pm	All applications must be submitted to Brain Canada via email to programs@braincanada.ca before 16:00 EST on November 30, 2022. Applicants should contact Brain Canada if they have inquiries regarding the competition or application process..Please also submit the full application to research.services@uoguelph.ca by the external deadline.

How to Apply

The application consists of the components listed in the [request for applications](#), combined into a single PDF, and named **TTA2022 - Nominee Last Name_Application**.

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For More Information

For more information, contact research.honours@uoguelph.ca or programs@braincanada.ca or read the [request for applications](#).

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