

Anne M Gillis Libin Prize Lectureship

Terms of Reference

This lectureship is sponsored by the Libin Institute Women's Cardiovascular Health Initiative to honour the accomplishments of Dr. Anne M Gillis. Biannually, this award will be granted to an outstanding woman working in cardiovascular research or clinical practice. The award would entail an academic visit culminating in a plenary lecture at the University of Calgary that would be of interest to the Libin Cardiovascular Institute, the Cumming School of Medicine, and the broader Calgary and Alberta community.

The namesake of the award, Dr. Gillis is a clinical cardiac electrophysiologist and a pioneer in pacing who is internationally recognized for her contributions to our understanding of the mechanisms behind cardiac arrhythmias. Across her career as a pre-eminent scientist and leader, Dr Gillis has acted as a role model and mentor to generations of cardiologists and cardiovascular researchers, and as a Past-President of the Heart Rhythm Society. This award was initiated upon Dr. Gillis's retirement in 2022.

Award

Each recipient will be awarded an honorarium for the lecture. In addition, the awardee will receive an individual plaque in recognition of the award, and their name added to the perpetual award plaque for the Anne M Gillis Libin Prize Lectureship which will be displayed in the Libin Cardiovascular Institute footprint.

Eligibility:

Nominees for the Anne M Gillis Libin Prize Lectureship must hold a faculty appointment. Nominees should be women with a National or International stature, who are mid-career or later with significant contributions in the areas of Cardiovascular Research and/or Leadership. The lens of equity, diversity, and inclusion will be applied to the selection process.

Conditions

- a) The lectureship can be awarded up to once every 2-year period. For example, there will be one lectureship awarded between January 2022 through December 2023.
- b) If no suitable nominations are received in on year, they lectureship may be awarded in the next calendar year in the award period. There shall be no obligation to recommend an award in the absence of suitably qualified candidates.
- c) No individual shall receive the award more than once.

Nominations

The nominations can come from faculty, students, and staff within the LCI, or from outside the LCI.

Applications must be submitted electronically to the email Libin@ucalgary.ca by December 1st of each year. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is automatically extended

to the next business day. Application details and forms can be found on the Libin Website: <https://libin.ucalgary.ca/sites/default/files/LibinAwards/AMG%20Libin%20Prize%20Speaker%20ToR%20FINAL.pdf>

Review and Selection Process

The evaluation of applications shall be undertaken by a diverse adjudication committee, chaired by the Director of the Libin Institute Women's Cardiovascular Health Initiative. The adjudication committee will include at least 3 members of the LCI and at least 1 community member, and Dr. AM Gillis (as long as she is willing and able to serve in this role). The adjudication committee will review the nominations and select a winner which will be announced by March 31st of each year.

Each nomination will be considered relative to their career stage. The quality, innovation, and impact of their cardiovascular research or cardiovascular leadership will be the primary factors evaluated for each award. Other areas to be considered include:

- 1) Refereed scholarly contributions
- 2) Non-refereed scholarly contributions
- 3) Mentorship and training
- 4) Leadership
- 5) Knowledge Translation and/or dissemination of scientific information to non-academic audiences
- 6) Awards and funding received
- 7) Greater Impact of Research