



November 2, 2012

From: Dean Gavin Stuart, Faculty of Medicine

To: Vancouver Senate

Re: Dr. Chew Wei Memorial Prize in Cancer Research

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**Motion:** *"That Senate accept the Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research and forward the prize to the Board of Governors for approval."*

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Under the *University Act* Section 37.1 (j), power is invested in the Senate "to award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries and prizes" on behalf of the University. Therefore, we submit for your approval the **Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research**, which was created by gifts endowed to the University of British Columbia by Mrs. Maraget Chew and the family of the late Dr. Chew Wei. The inaugural prize will be awarded in 2014.

The Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research establishes a prize, to a physician or scientist – whether in academia, government, non-profit organizations or the private sector – who has made a transformational, internationally-recognized contribution to the fight against cancer, with an emphasis on researchers whose achievements span the spectrum of health research, from the laboratory to clinical care to health systems and public policy.

The University of British Columbia's Faculty of Medicine will recognize the world's most outstanding cancer researchers with this new prize named for the late Dr. Chew Wei, a Hong Kong physician who practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology for nearly four decades in Hong Kong. He became increasingly dismayed by the prognosis for his patients who developed ovarian cancer, and was determined to do whatever he could, even posthumously, to improve outcomes for women facing this disease. In his later years, after retiring to Vancouver in 1988, Dr. Chew developed prostate cancer, and came under the care of UBC's medical specialists before succumbing to the disease in 2009.

One prize will be awarded annually to a Canadian who has made outstanding contributions to the treatment, amelioration, or cure for cancer. Among the criteria that will be considered is a distinguished record of translating scientific discoveries into clinical applications, forging partnerships with scientists and others to foster cancer research or to implement discoveries, and cultivating future leaders in the field. The prize is awarded with the expectation that the recipients will continue to demonstrate excellence in their field of work and serve as leaders to other scientists in the field, sharing their insights for years to come. One prize of \$50,000.00 will be awarded



annually to a Canadian commencing in 2014. The value of the prize will be reevaluated every third year.

### **Eligibility and Selection**

To be considered eligible for a prize, candidates must be nominated by an expert in their field. A letter of invitation to submit is not required, however, only nominations from qualified nominators will be considered and self-nominations will not be accepted. The Advisory Selection Committee reserves the right to rule on the eligibility of nominees. The University may decline to award a prize in any given year if the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine is of the opinion that awarding a prize is impractical or undesirable.

To be eligible, a candidate must:

- 1.1.1. Must be a Canadian citizen, domestically or internationally; and
- 1.1.2. Must hold an academic appointment in good standing and be active and productive in his or her career; and
- 1.1.3. Must have made outstanding contributions to the treatment, amelioration, or cures for cancer.

**N.B.** -Institutions or Associations are **not** eligible for nominations.

The Selection Committee will be chaired by the Dean and comprised of the Executive Associate Dean Research at UBC and six qualified reviewers approved by the Dean, as follows:

- 1.1.4. Two members of the committee shall be Faculty of Medicine staff and/or faculty; and
- 1.1.5. Two members will be external to UBC, one of whom is a Canadian expert in cancer research, and one of whom is an international expert in cancer research; and
- 1.1.6. Two members shall be at the discretion of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

The Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research will provide a unique opportunity for UBC to be profiled internationally as a world class cancer research facility and, while it is not a requirement of the prize, there will likely be a number of eligible UBC candidates each year who will be nominated for this prestigious prize. It is not without precedent that the University would administer awards and prizes for which candidates from outside the University community may qualify. Enrolment Services administers a number of student awards on behalf of external organizations for which students attending other universities may qualify.

# **The Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG]**

## **Memorial Prize in Cancer Research**

**(Administered by the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine)**

The **Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research** was created by gifts made to the University of British Columbia by Mrs. Maraget Chew and the family of the late Dr. Chew Wei. The inaugural prize will be awarded in 2014.

### **1. Donor Information:**

The **Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research** establishes a prize, to a physician or scientist – whether in academia, government, non-profit organizations or the private sector – who has made a transformational, internationally-recognized contribution to the fight against cancer, with an emphasis on researchers whose achievements span the spectrum of health research, from the laboratory to clinical care to health systems and public policy.

### **2. Genesis of the Prize:**

The University of British Columbia's Faculty of Medicine will recognize the world's most outstanding cancer researchers with a new prize named for the late Dr. Chew Wei, a Hong Kong physician who practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology for nearly four decades in Hong Kong. He became increasingly dismayed by the prognosis for his patients who developed ovarian cancer, and was determined to do whatever he could, even posthumously, to improve outcomes for women facing this disease. In his later years, after retiring to Vancouver in 1988, Dr. Chew developed prostate cancer, and came under the care of UBC's medical specialists before succumbing to the disease in 2009.

### **3. Purpose of the Prize:**

One **Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research** will be awarded annually to a Canadian who has made outstanding contributions to the treatment, amelioration, or cure for cancer. Among the criteria that will be considered is a distinguished record of translating scientific discoveries into clinical applications, forging partnerships with Scientists and others to foster cancer research or to implement discoveries, and cultivating future leaders in the field. The prize is awarded with the expectation that the recipient will continue to demonstrate excellence in their field of work and serve as leaders to other scientists in the field, sharing their insights for years to come.

## 4. Monetary Award for Each Prize

One prize of Cdn\$50,000.00 will be awarded annually to a Canadian annually commencing in 2014. The value of the prize will be reevaluated every third year.

## 5. Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for a prize, candidates must be nominated by an expert in their field. A letter of invitation to submit is not required, however, only nominations from qualified nominators will be considered and self nominations will not be accepted. The Advisory Selection Committee reserves the right to rule on the eligibility of nominees. The University may decline to award a prize in any given year if the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine is of the opinion that awarding a prize is impractical or undesirable:

### 5.1. Eligible Candidate Nomination Criteria:

- 5.1.1. Must be a Canadian citizen, domestically or internationally; and
- 5.1.2. Must hold an academic appointment in good standing and be active and productive in his or her career; and
- 5.1.3. Must have made outstanding contributions to the treatment, amelioration, or cures for cancer.

### 5.2. Ineligible Candidates:

- 5.2.1. Those who have previously received a **Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research** at any time. No individual may be awarded the prize more than once; and
- 5.2.2. Members of the Advisory Selection Committee may not be awarded the prize during their term as members and for one year following the end of their term; and
- 5.2.3. Institutions or Associations are not eligible for nominations.

## 6. Nomination Process

The nominator is responsible for gathering all of the relevant documentation and submitting a nomination package in English, which must include a completed nomination form and supporting material as follows:

### 6.1. Nomination Form Documentation:

- 6.1.1. The nominator's contact details;
- 6.1.2. The nominee's full home and office addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and email address;

- 6.1.3. The category of nomination;
- 6.1.4. The signed declaration of the nominator; and
- 6.1.5. The names of the experts providing letters of support.

## **6.2. Nomination Supporting Documentation:**

- 6.2.1. A brief statement of the nominee's contribution to the treatment, amelioration, or cures for cancer, and the reasons why the nominee should receive the award (a maximum of two pages); and
- 6.2.2. A one-page biography for the nominee including academic, research, service and administrative positions, awards or recognitions and reference to three of the nominee's recent publications; and
- 6.2.3. The nominee's Curriculum Vitae and Bibliography; and
- 6.2.4. Two to three letters of support from experts in the nominee's field of work, from within Canada or abroad. At least one letter must be from an expert outside Canada; and
- 6.2.5. Confirmation that the nominee is a Canadian citizen (for example, a photocopy of nominee's indentifying passport page).

A completed nomination package must be received via email (in Microsoft Word or pdf format) by Midnight Pacific Standard Time (PST) June 1, 2013\* (the "Predetermined Deadline"). Late nominations will not be accepted. Submissions which are missing any required supporting documentation as outlined in the prize guidelines or that do not meet prize requirements will not be accepted.

## **7. Adjudication Process**

The Advisory Selection Committee will meet once a year, in person or by teleconference, to review the eligible nomination packages received by the "Predetermined Deadline" and, given the prize criteria, will select the most eligible nomination from the pool of candidates.

Nomination Packages must be received by the Faculty of Medicine by the "Predetermined Deadline" and will be used to evaluate the eligibility of the candidates. Candidates will be adjudicated by a global panel of scientists recruited by the UBC Faculty of Medicine and a committee chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

- 7.1. Advisory Selection Committee** - The Advisory Selection Committee will be chaired by the Dean and comprised of the Executive Associate Dean Research at UBC and six qualified reviewers approved by the Dean, as follows:

- 7.1.1. Two members of the committee shall be Faculty of Medicine staff and/or faculty;  
and
  - 7.1.2. Two members will be external to UBC, one of whom is a Canadian expert in cancer research, and one of whom is an international expert in cancer research; and
  - 7.1.3. Two members shall be at the discretion of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.
- 7.2. Adjudication Procedures** - There are three steps in the adjudication process:
- 7.2.1. Impact Review Panel - The Impact Review Panel for each Prize will be comprised of four to eight experts in the relevant field and one layperson from the community as selected by the Advisory Selection Committee in consultation with the Dean. Each member of the Impact Review Panel will review each of the eligible nomination packages and submit his or her selection by way of a long and short list to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine;
  - 7.2.2. The Dean and the Executive Associate Dean Research - will create a final short list;
  - 7.2.3. The Dean in consultation with the Advisory Selection Committee - will select the prize recipient through a majority vote.

In the event of a tie, the Dean will make the final decision as to the prize recipient. Selection of the prize recipient is final and without appeal. The nominations of eligible candidates will be held for three years, but must be updated annually to be considered for a prize.

## **8. Notification of Results**

The Faculty of Medicine will restrict the disclosure of information about nominations, including nominees, nominators, investigations and opinions related to the award of the prize. The Faculty of Medicine will not contact nominees, except for notifying prize recipients. The Faculty of Medicine will notify the prize recipient as well as his or her nominator by telephone in the Fall 2013\*. The Faculty of Medicine will also notify all remaining nominators in writing of the results of the successful nominee in the Fall 2013\*. The name of the recipient will be announced to the public by the end of November 2013\*.

## **9. Conditions of Receiving the Award**

### **9.1. Publicity:**

- 9.1.1. The inaugural prize is scheduled to be awarded at a special ceremony to be held in Vancouver in Spring 2014\*;
- 9.1.2. Recipients and nominators must not reveal the results of the prize competition until the Faculty of Medicine makes the official public announcement;

- 9.1.3. Prize recipients agree to the use of their name and information in all official Faculty of Medicine, UBC and all other prize related communiqué. Prize recipients agree to the use of photography and other public information about themselves and their research to be used for all promotional materials as they relate to the prize and other promotional initiatives. They also agree to fully participate in all prize activities, including media conferences, ceremonies and receptions;
- 9.1.4. The recipient must also agree to participate in prize related activities in future years at the request of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, including media conferences, ceremonies and receptions. In particular, it is anticipated that recipients will attend the prize ceremony the year following their award to share how the award has impacted their chosen field of work.

## **9.2. Spending Conditions:**

- 9.2.1. While there are no restrictions with regards to how the monetary prize may be used, it is expected that prize recipients will continue demonstrate excellence in health research and make further contributions in their field of work. The University may offer, and the recipient may elect, to receive their prize in whole or in part to pay salary, benefits, research or other related expenses of the recipient of the prize.

**Note:** \* All dates subject to change.

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