



ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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**Message from the Governor General
Royal Society of Canada's 2025 Celebration
of Excellence and Engagement**

As patron of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone gathered for this Celebration of Excellence and Engagement.

In the days ahead, you will have the chance to celebrate and learn from leaders whose ideas and actions are helping to tackle some of the world's most urgent problems.

I would like to congratulate the RSC's Class of 2025, including the new RSC fellows and members of the College of New Artists, Scholars and Scientists. Your accomplishments reflect the strength and diversity of Canada's academic and artistic communities.

Congratulations as well to the recipients of the 2025 medals and awards, including the inaugural RSC Prize for Indigenous Engagement and the RSC Eric Jackman Prize, and to this year's Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella Prize winners.

I encourage all of you to keep advancing your essential work to drive progress, expand knowledge, and build a more inclusive and sustainable future.

I wish you an excellent event.

Mary Simon

Message from the President



Over the past year, the Royal Society of Canada has built on its long tradition of excellence and engagement by deepening its commitment to collaboration, inclusion, and intellectual leadership across disciplines and generations.

As President, I have been especially proud to strengthen the Society's francophone presence and partnerships. The addition of new Institutional Members – including Érudit, the Fonds de recherche du Québec, Laurentian University, the Université du Québec, l'Université du Québec en Outaouais, Université Saint-Paul, Algoma University – has enriched our national network and reinforced the dual-language character of the RSC. This progress affirms our belief that Canada's strength lies in its linguistic and cultural diversity.

On the international stage, the RSC chaired the Science Academies of the G7 (S7) during Canada's presidency, leading work on advanced technologies and data security, sustainable migration, and climate action and health resilience. The Ottawa Declaration, developed collectively under Canadian leadership, underscored the global importance of academic freedom, institutional autonomy, and research integrity.

The Society is also launching the Task Force on Knowledge System Resilience, which will mobilize experts across disciplines and generations to strengthen the systems that sustain evidence-based knowledge. I am equally inspired by the forthcoming expansion of the program in support of At-Risk and Displaced Academics and Artists, the first of its kind among national academies worldwide. Beginning in 2026, the RSC will support scholars and creators whose work and lives have been disrupted by conflict or displacement, reaffirming Canada's leadership in advancing inclusive and connected knowledge systems.

As my presidency concludes, I wish to express my profound gratitude to our members, fellows, institutional partners, and the dedicated staff at Walter House for their incredible support throughout the past three years. Many of our shared accomplishments are reflected in this Annual Report. I leave this office with full confidence in President-Elect Françoise Baylis, whose leadership—supported by an extraordinary community across Canada and at Walter House—will carry the Society forward on its journey toward a better country and a stronger future for knowledge and creativity.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Alain-G. Gagnon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alain-G. Gagnon
President

Message from the Executive Director



In 2025, the Royal Society of Canada moved confidently into the next phase of its strategic journey, guided by its mission to connect knowledge and community for the public good.

With the support of the Board of Directors, Council, and our partners, we completed the comprehensive renovation of Walter House, which now stands as one of Ottawa's most welcoming and inspiring convening spaces for those dedicated to evidence-based dialogue. In 2025, Walter House hosted the Chief Science Advisor and federal Assistant Deputy Ministers in science-based portfolios, as well as the President of the Mastercard Foundation and multiple events including book launches and scientific gatherings led by our Institutional Members.

The Board's leadership also advanced the work of the Task Force on Knowledge System Resilience, co-chaired by Stephen Toope and Sharon Straus, with members representing universities, government, and the private sector. The Task Force will convene a national conference at the University of Ottawa in the Spring 2026, supported by the *Strength Through Science* campaign, which has now reached the halfway mark toward its \$10 million goal.

The development of the 2026–2030 Strategic Plan marks another milestone. Rooted in consultation and collaboration, the plan envisions a countrywide series of 160 town halls in 2027, in partnership with the RSC's 68 institutional members, to engage Canadians in dialogues about trust, civility, and collective purpose.

These initiatives—each distinct yet interconnected—demonstrate how the RSC's strategic vision translates into tangible actions. Together with my colleagues at Walter House, I extend my gratitude to outgoing President Alain-G. Gagnon, who has been a source of vision, inspiration and support. The future of the RSC is bright, and it is being shaped, every day, by the collaborative energy of its extraordinary community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Gilmour".

Darren Gilmour
Executive Director

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The Royal Society of Canada

The Society was incorporated under an Act of Parliament of Canada in 1883 and is dedicated to fostering the highest level of learning and research in all areas of scholarship, making available to its members broad and varied knowledge to evaluate and advise on social, cultural, economic, and scientific issues for the benefit of Canada and promoting Canadian scholarship and accomplishments internationally through active exchanges with other national academies.

The Royal Society of Canada is a Charitable Organization, (Charitable Reg. #10793 5991 RR0001). Donations and Sponsorships from both private and corporate entities enable the Royal Society of Canada to pursue its core mission and mandate.

The Enduring Mission of the RSC

In order to establish the foundation for multiple initiatives, the Royal Society of Canada elects Fellows and Members while also presenting awards to highlight specific exceptional achievements. After rigorous evaluation and review of their accomplishments, leading individuals may be elected to one of the Society's three Academies—the Academy of Arts and Humanities, the Academy of Social Science, and the Academy of Science. As a complement to the Academies, the RSC established The College of New Scholars, Scientists and Artists in 2014. The College recognizes individuals who have begun demonstrating leading scholarly research or artistic excellence within 15 years of having completed their post-doctoral program or its equivalent. Members of the College are elected for a period of seven years.

In addition to Fellows and Members of the College, the RSC includes Institutional Members from throughout Canada that play key roles in advancing inclusive excellence for the benefit of Canada and the world. The RSC administers over 20 prestigious awards, most of which are awarded to those at various career stages in recognition of outstanding achievement.

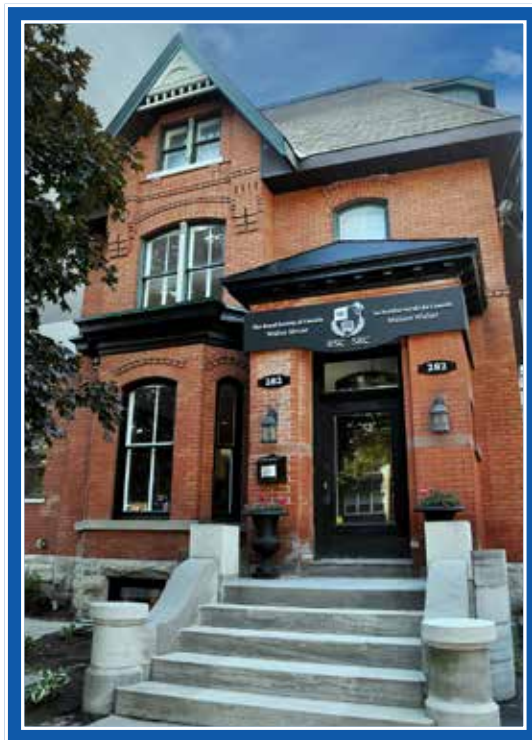
As emphasized in our by-laws, the RSC recognizes leaders in order to help them build a better future in Canada and around the world. For this reason, the RSC fulfills its mandate successfully to the extent that it recognizes excellence and then mobilizes the membership to make significant and substantial contributions of knowledge, understanding, and insight through engagement with the larger society.

Thank You to Our Members and Partners

The RSC could not do all that it does without the support of membership dues, partnerships and those who choose RSC for their charitable giving. We are especially grateful for the services of many volunteers who contribute their time and expertise. For ways to get involved or to support the RSC through a contribution, please contact us or view our website.

Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. RSC is committed to financial transparency. We publish our full Audited Financial Statements on our website at rsc-src.ca/en/resources.



Events & Activities



Yukon University Reception
Walter House Event | December 9, 2024

Cybersecurity Debt is Everyone's Problem
RSC Dialogues @ UQO | January 22

Acadia University Reception
Walter House Event | February 20

From The Carbon Cycle to the Carbon Tax: How to Effectively Measure and Reduce GHG Emissions
College Webinar Series | February 26



Sustainable Migration
RSC Dialogues @ UQO | April 2

The Canadian Federal Election of 2025
Walter House Event | April 30



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Immigration et enseignement supérieur : Quel leadership pour les universités au Canada et au Québec?



Immigration and higher education: what leadership can Canadian and Quebec universities provide?
Acfas Panel | May 9

U15 Reception
Walter House Event | May 2

Poverty and Inequality
RSC Dialogues @ UQO | May 14



ARDAA Workshop
Walter House Event | April 3



The Future of Academia, in Canada and Globally
RSC College Annual Meeting | May 21-22



ISC COLLEGE WEBINAR WHAT IS CANADIAN SECULARISM?



What is Canadian Secularism?
College Webinar Series | May 22

Advancing Research Priorities for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 Through International Collaboration
RSC Workshop | June 27



Eastern Ontario Symposium
Regional Reception | September 20

Walter House

Welcome to Walter House!

On May 14, 2024 we wrapped up an exciting renovation project on RSC's head office, a historic building built in 1893, located at 282 Somerset Street West in Ottawa.

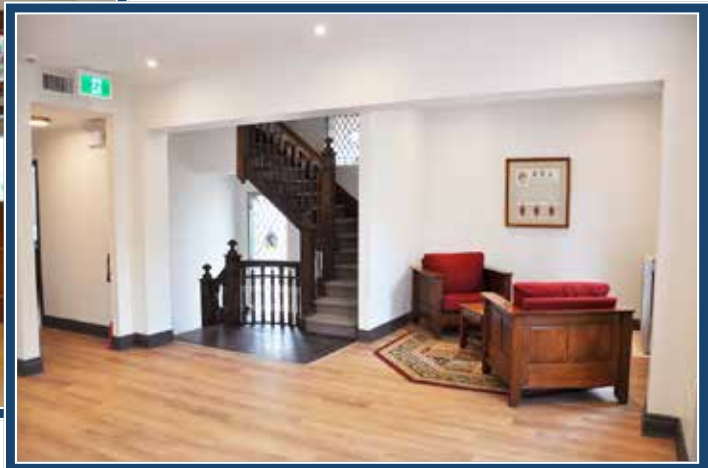
The renovation of Walter House blends historical preservation with modern functionality. During demolition, original brick elements were carefully preserved and reused, prioritizing heritage conservation of critical building elements. A stunning solid wood staircase was uncovered behind one of the existing walls and was refinished in its original colours.

The space includes modern features such as bronze-tone light fixtures, rich wood tone millwork, and warm flooring to create a comfortable and inviting atmosphere.

Featuring a catering kitchen, open event spaces across three floors, boardrooms and a rooftop terrace, our redesigned and versatile event space is ready to accommodate a variety of events including lectures, receptions, and meetings.

We look forward to sharing our space with you! For enquiries, please contact us at admin@rsc-src.ca.





Research Summit: Indigenous Engagement

The 2024 Tri-Academy Partnership on *Indigenous Engagement: A Research Summit on Cultural Heritage in an Era of Reconciliation*, the first of three conferences co-organized by the RSC, the Royal Society of New Zealand Te Aparangi, and the Australian Academy of Science, occurred in November 2024 on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) nations (commonly known as Vancouver, British Columbia) in Canada.

At the inaugural conference, Indigenous delegates, including students from multiple universities in Canada, as well as Members of our academies with expertise in social sciences, Indigenous Water Science, Mathematics and Fluid Dynamics, Social Epidemiology, Freshwater Ecology, and Wastewater Treatment contributed to conversations on the future of Indigenous engagement in our Academies.

In coming together as Academies, we had (and will continue to have) three objectives:

1. To establish an international, Indigenous-led research agenda with the goal of impacting public policy to benefit Indigenous communities;
2. To incorporate Indigenous student voices and meaningful international mentoring contexts in the convenings and research agenda; and
3. To advance thought leadership in how post-secondary institutions can innovatively partner with Indigenous communities.

Frank Deer speaks with Keynote Speaker Ronald E. Ignace, Commissioner of Indigenous Languages.



Talaysay Tours leads delegates through Stanley Park.

Dr. Leonie Pihama (FRSNZ) and the delegation from the Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangi perform a *waiata* at the Opening Reception.



S7 Summit

For the 21st consecutive year, national science academies, including the RSC, have signed statements that contribute the best available knowledge and insights to G7 leaders for the G7 Summit. Presided by the RSC in 2025, the S7 (Science 7) consists of the Science Academies of the G7: l'Académie des sciences de France, Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina (Germany), Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (Italy), the Science Council of Japan, the Royal Society (UK), and the National Academy of Sciences (US).

Each year, a different member state assumes the presidency of the G7 and hosts the summit on a rotating basis. In 2025, as the G7 marks the 50th anniversary of its first summit, Canada assumed the presidency for the seventh time.

The G7 national academies convened in Ottawa, from May 6-8, under the theme *"Advancing Science for Society: Health, Migration and Technologies."* The academies discussed and presented joint statements with recommendations for addressing three global challenges: advanced technologies and data security; sustainable migration; and climate action and health resilience. The statements were officially submitted to the Government of Canada on May 8.

Dr. Mona Nemer meets with the leaders of the G7 National Academies at Walter House.



Dr. Françoise Combes, Présidente de l'Académie des sciences, speaks on a panel at the summit.

The Embassy of France in Canada held a reception recognizing the work being done by the academies and in anticipation of France hosting the summit in 2026.



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Advanced Technologies and Data Security

As documented by the panel of the *International Scientific Report on the Safety of Advanced AI*, the tremendous potential from anticipated advances in AI, and the demand for data availability and data quality for legitimate reasons like research in areas critical to the betterment of humankind, are counterbalanced by potentially serious risks due to intentional misuse (e.g., disinformation and other threats to democracy), loss of control, human rights violations, labour market disruptions and loss of livelihoods, and climate / environmental damage. There are high uncertainties on both the magnitude of the potential disruptions and their timeline, but there is consensus on the lack of preparedness in scientific, developer and policy spheres. Following the precautionary principle, it is thus crucial to invest in data security as well as research into how to harness and control advanced AI systems. Social, policy and technological innovations are required at all levels to identify and maximize the collective benefits, and to ensure that guardrails are continually maintained and updated to anticipate, prevent and mitigate risks.

Climate Action and Health Resilience

Climate change is profoundly harming health through its impacts on human and natural systems, and risks undermining health progresses achieved in previous decades. Widespread and rapid changes in the Earth's climate system harm the health of people, animals and ecosystems and the resilience of health and social services¹. Heat waves are increasing illnesses and deaths globally. More frequent and intense climate events drive population displacement, food and water insecurity, and undernutrition through disruptions to agricultural and food systems. Changing temperatures and biodiversity losses are making more areas hospitable for vector-borne and zoonotic disease transmission by altering insect and wildlife habitats, driving the spread of diseases like dengue and malaria to new regions, and increasing risks of epidemics and pandemics. Growing wildfire-related atmospheric pollution caused by global warming is worsening chronic illness and death from cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, while earlier spring pollen seasons in northern latitudes are increasing risks of allergic respiratory diseases. Mental health challenges are increasing through the trauma and psychological stresses of climate change-related loss of homes, livelihoods, or culture. Heat has direct effects on the nervous and endocrine systems and extreme weather events have indirect psychosocial consequences. Climate change impacts are not experienced equally by all populations.

Sustainable Migration

Migration is part of the human condition. It affects all people, everywhere—directly or indirectly. Our focus, international migration, concerns people moving from their home country to another on either a permanent or temporary basis. Currently, the number of international migrants, i.e. moving from their home country to another on either a permanent (at least a one-year stay) or temporary basis (between 3 and 12 months) was estimated to be just over 304 million. This represents a 74% increase since 2000. Labour migrants and forcibly displaced persons make up the two largest groups and neither are exclusive categories though certain classes of labour are often seen as desirable for sustainable migration and demographic planning purposes.

The Ottawa Declaration

The Science Academies of the G7 issued a joint declaration emphasizing the importance of academic freedom, institutional autonomy, the integrity of research, research security, and the responsible conduct of research in support of the public good.

“Especially in times of uncertainty, it is essential that our Academies commit to strengthening our efforts in defense of the integrity of science and the science advice systems that are critical elements of free and democratic societies,” said Dr. Alain-G. Gagnon (FRSC), President of the Royal Society of Canada.

The Ottawa Declaration of the Science Academies of the G7

June 2, 2025

The knowledge developed by investments in research and in cooperation between and among researchers within the G7 countries has provided enormous benefits to the health and prosperity of our nations. Yet, there is so much that we take for granted in our daily lives and in our quality of life that would not exist if it were not for these scientific advances.

Indeed, the G7 countries have seen particular benefit from the investments in research, the mobility of researchers and the collaborations across borders that have accelerated discovery, knowledge creation and innovation. The continued and sustained commitment to investment by governments and the private sector have, at the core, been foundational to the economic and social development of G7 nations. Together, we have established a system of science based on transparency, meritocracy and openness that has provided the normative framework for science around the globe.

As democracies, it is critical that our nations continue to support academic freedom, institutional autonomy, the integrity of research, research security, and the responsible conduct of research in support of the public good.

We recognize that national circumstances often shape the approaches that countries take in pursuing both national science policy and international cooperation. We also recognize the central role of governments, universities, academies and civil society in standing up for principles that ensure that the scientific collaboration between and among our nations continues to be guided by a shared pursuit of knowledge to advance the public good.

As the science academies of the G7 we commit to strengthening our efforts in defense of the integrity of science and the science advice systems that are critical elements of free and democratic societies.

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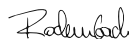
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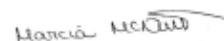
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National Academy of Sciences

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Celebration of Excellence & Engagement (COEE) 2025

The RSC's annual gathering (presented by Université de Montréal, HEC Montréal, and Polytechnique Montréal) provides a stage to promote the latest evidence and insights from scholars across disciplines and across generations and blends symposia, lectures and sessions on urgent themes, along with the annual ceremonies recognizing inductees and award winners of 2025, and the RSC's Annual Gala.

November 12

Mainstreaming AI: Implications for the Scientific Community

After the generative AI breakthrough, AI is rapidly emerging from specialist circles to become part of the scientific mainstream. Much like the Internet did 30 years ago, scientists across all disciplines are now grappling with how to integrate AI into their field of research and practice. This symposium captures this pivotal moment when the entire scientific community is becoming a stakeholder in AI research and development.

November 13

RSC Academies Mini-Symposium: Challenges and Opportunities in Research during Times of Crisis

This half-day symposium explored the following themes: *Science at Risk*, *Human Progress at Stake: Safeguarding Knowledge Systems in a Fractured World*; and *The Research Situation in Canada and the United States*.

Opening Reception and Welcome to Montréal

Let the festivities begin! The welcome reception officially opens COEE2025.

November 14

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony features the presentation of a series of prestigious honours to individuals for their exceptional contributions to a variety of disciplines.

Presentation of New Members of the RSC College

The Presentation of the Members of The College formally welcomes new Members in a format that showcases the interdisciplinary character of the College.

Induction Ceremony

The Induction Ceremony welcomes new RSC Fellows in a historic format that invites each new Member to cross the stage and sign the membership register that has been signed by all new Members since 1883.

November 15

RSC Eric Jackman Prize Lecture & Luncheon

The RSC Eric Jackman Prize in the Human Behavioural and Social Sciences was established in 2025 with the support of a generous endowment from the Jackman Foundation to recognize path-breaking and sustained scientific contributions to preventing harm, strengthening resilience, or otherwise benefiting humankind through research in one or more behavioural and social science fields. Professor Sean B. Rourke, the inaugural recipient of the RSC Eric Jackman Prize will deliver this year's luncheon lecture.

RSC Romanowski Lecture

The Romanowski lecture features a discussion of some of the greatest challenges facing the environment, and research that is contributing to addressing these challenges. Professor Catherine Mulligan FRSC, the 2024 recipient of the RSC's Mirosław Romanowski Medal (for scientific work relating to environmental problems) will deliver this year's luncheon lecture.

Frontiers Planet Prize Lecture and Info Session

The RSC is proud to serve as Canada's National Representative Body (NRB) for The Frontiers Planet Prize, and we are delighted to be joined at COEE2025 by Dr. Suzanne Tank, who was selected as Canada's 2025 National Champion. Dr. Tank will give a lecture on her award-winning work on the land-freshwater-ocean continuum, and how climate change, permafrost, carbon cycling, and nutrient dynamics interact in freshwaters and connected systems throughout the pan-Arctic watershed.

RSC Gala and Dance

The gala is the crescendo event of the celebration weekend, focusing on the experience of our honorees and those who have supported them and continue to support them in their pursuits.



L'innovation nous inspire

Innovation inspires us

L'Université de Montréal, HEC Montréal et Polytechnique Montréal figurent parmi les premiers pôles d'enseignement et de recherche universitaires au pays. Ensemble, nous repoussons les limites du savoir, stimulons sans cesse l'innovation afin de contribuer collectivement à l'avancement du bien commun.

The University of Montreal, HEC Montreal, and Polytechnique Montreal stand among the top academic and research institutions in Canada. Together, we're expanding the frontiers of knowledge, driving innovation, and working tirelessly to advance the common good.

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COEE 2024

Thank you to Simon Fraser University for hosting the RSC in Vancouver, British Columbia for the 2024 Celebration of Excellence and Engagement. Recognized globally for its leadership in research, innovation, and sustainability, SFU is consistently ranked among Canada's top research-intensive universities.

This year's COEE brought together 700 attendees at the JW Marriott Parq Vancouver and The Douglas.

The week opened with a timely research symposium, hosted by SFU, titled "Community-Centered Climate Innovation: The Role of Local to Global Climate Innovation Research," and concluded with the RSC's Annual Gala.

Thank you also to our Excellence, Celebration, and Media Partners, event attendees, speakers, and to SFU President Joy Johnson (FRSC), and the dedicated organizing team — James Beresford, Stephanie Cozens, and Sophia Leon — for making COEE2024 such a success.

Watch the COEE2024 recordings here: bit.ly/COEE2024Videos



King Charles III Coronation Medal Recipients

In recognition of their exceptional and sustained contributions to the mission and goals of the Royal Society of Canada, 30 individuals have been awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal. Created by the Sovereign and administered by the Chancellery of Honours, the medal marks the coronation of King Charles III, which took place on May 6, 2023.

Howard Alper, RSC President, 2001-03

Alidad Amirfazli, RSC College President, 2014-16

Constance Backhouse, President, Academy of Social Sciences, 2015-17

Graham Bell, RSC President, 2015-17; President, Academy of Science, 2009-11

Janine Brodie, President, Academy of Social Sciences, 2019-22

Linda Clauson, RSC Chief Financial & Administrative Officer

Yolande Cohen, President, Academy of Arts and Humanities, 2013-15

Jamal Deen, President, Academy of Science, 2015-17

Frank Deer, RSC College President, 2022-24

Patricia Demers, RSC President, 2005-07

Marie D'Iorio, President, Academy of Science, 2013-15; International Secretary, 2017-19

Sheila Embleton, President, Academy of Arts and Humanities, 2022-25; RSC Secretary, 2016-22

Chad Gaffield, RSC President, 2017-19

Yolande Grisé, RSC President, 2011-13

Jean Grondin, President, Academy of Arts and Humanities, 2017-19

Yvan Guindon, RSC President, 2007-09

Sandra Irving, Chair, President's Advisory Council, 2001-11

Karly Kehoe, RSC College President, 2022-24

Simon Langlois, President, Academy of Social Sciences, 2013-15

André Lapierre, RSC Secretary, 2011-16

Maryse Lassonde, RSC President, 2015-17

Bill Leiss, RSC President, 1999-2001

Gary Libben, RSC Secretary, 2022-25

Russel MacDonald, RSC Programmes Manager

Jeremy McNeil, RSC President, 2019-22; International Secretary, 2009-15

Cynthia Milton, RSC College President, 2016-18

Joanna Quinn, RSC College President, 2018-20

Vijaya Raghavan, Chair, RSC Finance Committee, 2021-22

Julia Wright, President, Academy of Arts and Humanities, 2019-22

Paul Young, International Secretary, 2020-25



Publications

Protecting Our Collective Future: Renewing Canada's Role in Global Health

As we near the second quarter of the twenty-first century, the global health terrain is shifting in important ways. The COVID-19 pandemic, accelerating climate crisis, rising geopolitical instability, displacement of populations, alarming wealth and income inequalities, and greater economic instability, among other major concerns, are coinciding to create what is being described as a “polycrisis.” Together, these crises demonstrate the clear connections between global and domestic health and well-being, and the even greater importance of effective cooperation across countries.

It is in this context that an Expert Panel was jointly convened by the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) to provide strategic insights and advice on Canada's role in global health over the next two decades. We approached this task not as an exhaustive search of the literature, as one would for a systematic review of evidence on the effectiveness of a clearly defined intervention, nor as a research study informed by immutable facts or truths. While we drew upon existing literature and evidence, we were also informed by a myriad of external consultations and the collective and diverse expertise, experience and explicitly stated values of Panel members. These were brought together as a strategic opportunity to reflect upon Canada's past, present and future role in global health. The findings from this undertaking led to our recommendations, which we were ultimately tasked to provide, to renew Canada's global health role amid a rapidly changing world facing interconnected challenges.

Our starting point was that Canada is a vital part of this changing world and must thus continue to actively engage in global health cooperation to advance health and well-being both at home and abroad. For the purposes of this report, the Panel defines global health as an interdisciplinary field of study, policy and practice that encompasses the health and well-being of human and other forms of life on a planetary scale. Advancing global health, in turn, depends on three perspectives: a) the need for intergenerational protection and promotion of all life and of the earth's ecosystems that sustain life (planetary); b) the need to address unfair, avoidable or remediable differences between groups of people, whether those groups are defined socially, economically, demographically, geographically or by other dimensions of inequality (equity); and c) the need to move from siloed to holistic thinking and practice (integration). Most importantly, our definition of global health emphasises the close connection between the global and domestic spheres.

Read the full report online.



S20 Statement

The S20 Forum, a coalition of national academies from G20 nations, held its annual summit in Pretoria, South Africa, from February 24-27, 2025. The S20, which rotates its presidency among member nations each year, was hosted by South Africa this year. The S20 prepares statements on critical global issues for presentation to G20 political leaders.

Under the theme “Climate Change and Well-being,” the S20 discussions centered on five key themes in alignment with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

1. Human and Environmental Health
2. Food, Water, and Energy Nexus
3. Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and People in Vulnerable Situations
4. Climate Change Adaptation
5. Climate Change Mitigation



CLIMATE CHANGE AND WELL-BEING Science20 (S20) South Africa 2025 Statement

Preamble

Climate change remains one of the most urgent challenges of our time, with far-reaching consequences for human and planetary well-being. It threatens health, livelihoods, and the stability of Earth's life-support systems—especially for people in vulnerable situations. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) bases its assessments about climate change on decadal and multi-decadal averages, not single-year observations. The year 2024 was designated as the warmest year on record due to incremental global warming trends¹.

Since the industrial era, unequivocal historical and ongoing human activities have been the primary drivers of climate change, far outweighing natural phenomena like solar variations, volcanic activity, ocean circulation patterns, and natural greenhouse gas emissions. Responding to the effects of climate change requires urgent, science-based solutions for mitigation and adaptation, informed by evidence-driven policy and global cooperation. While climate change poses risks and trade-offs, addressing it also creates opportunities for innovation and delivers multiple co-benefits for health, ecosystems, and the economy.

The 2025 Science20 (S20) focus on *Climate Change and Well-being* aligns with South Africa's G20 theme *Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability*. This Statement outlines five areas, each with supporting recommendations.

Read the full statement online.

New Fellows



Linda Ambrose
Laurentian University



Bruce Arndtsen
McGill University



Alán Aspuru-Guzik
University of Toronto



Sylvain Baillet
McGill University



Jennifer Bain
Dalhousie University



Gerald Batist
McGill University



Shai Ben-David
University of Waterloo



Peter Benson
University of Toronto



Allan Bertram
The University of British Columbia



Fiona Blaikie
Brock University



Lori Burns
University of Ottawa



Gordon Campbell
University of Leicester



Kipp Cannon
The University of Tokyo



R. Nicholas Carleton
University of Regina



Benoit Chabot
Université de Sherbrooke



Yolande Chan
McGill University



Daolun Chun
Toronto Metropolitan University



William Cheung
The University of British Columbia



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Award Winners



ALICE WILSON AWARDS

Hannah Brais
University of Toronto



Anfanny Chen
University of Alberta



Stephanie Ross
University of Calgary

For outstanding academic qualifications in the Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences or Science to women who are entering a career in scholarship or research at the postdoctoral level.



HENRY MARSHALL TORY MEDAL

Tucker Carrington, Queen's University
For outstanding research in any branch of astronomy, chemistry, mathematics, physics, or an allied science.



JASON A. HANNAH MEDAL

Alison Li
For an important publication in the history of medicine.



JOHN L. SYNGE AWARD

Ben Adcock, Simon Fraser University
For outstanding research in any of the branches of the mathematical sciences.



KITTY NEWMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Florian Martin-Bariteau, University of Ottawa
For outstanding contributions from an emerging scholar in the field of philosophy.



MCLAUGHLIN MEDAL

Nada Jabado, McGill University
For important research of sustained excellence in medical science.



MICHAEL P. PAÏDOUSSIS MEDAL

Zdeněk Bažant, Northwestern University
For outstanding contributions to research, education and leadership in applied mechanics.



MIROSLAW ROMANOWSKI MEDAL

Marie-Josée Fortin, University of Toronto
For scientific work relating to environmental problems.



PIERRE CHAUVEAU MEDAL

Eric Jennings, University of Toronto
For a distinguished contribution to knowledge in the humanities.



RSC ERIC JACKMAN PRIZE

Sean B. Rourke, St. Michael's Hospital
For path-breaking and sustained scientific contributions to preventing harm, strengthening resilience, or otherwise benefiting humankind through research in one or more behavioural and social science fields.



RSC PRIZE FOR INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

Cindy Blackstock, McGill University
For outstanding contributions including research / scholarship, advancement of Indigenous knowledge, and engagement with reconciliation.



RUTHERFORD MEMORIAL MEDALS

Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo, Université de Montréal
For outstanding research in physics.



Adam Shuhendler, University of Ottawa
For outstanding research in chemistry.



SIR JOHN WILLIAM DAWSON MEDAL

Hendrik Poinar, McMaster University
For important contributions of knowledge in multiple domains.



YVAN ALLAIRE MEDAL

Sadok El Ghouli, The University of Texas at El Paso
For outstanding contributions in governance of public and private organizations.

JUSTICE ROSALIE SILBERMAN ABELLA PRIZE

To a graduating law student in each of the law schools in Canada who is most likely to positively influence equity and social justice in Canada or globally upon graduation.



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Sierra Jones-McLeod

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Hadiyah Karimian

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Hina Rani

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Celeste Trianon

Université de Montréal

New Awards

The RSC was proud to introduce three new awards this year:

The RSC Eric Jackman Prize

The RSC Eric Jackman Prize in Human Behavioural and Social Sciences was established in 2025 with the support of a generous endowment from the Jackman Foundation.

The Prize celebrates path-breaking and sustained scientific contributions to preventing harm, strengthening resilience, or otherwise benefiting humankind through research in one or more behavioural and social science fields.

Congratulations to the 2025 prize winner, Sean B. Rourke, who is a scientist and social entrepreneur at St. Michael's Hospital and Professor of Psychiatry at University of Toronto, and an internationally recognized clinical neuropsychologist.



The RSC Prize for Indigenous Engagement

The RSC Prize for Indigenous Engagement recognizes outstanding contributions including research / scholarship, advancement of Indigenous knowledge, and engagement with reconciliation.

Congratulations to the 2025 prize winner, Cindy Blackstock (FRSC), member of the Gitksan First Nation, the Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, and a professor at McGill University's School of Social Work. She has over 30 years of experience working in child welfare and advocating for the rights of Indigenous children.



Frontiers Planet Prize 2025

The RSC is proud to serve as Canada's National Representative Body (NRB) for The Frontiers Planet Prize. The ambition of the Frontiers Planet Prize is to "directly address the planetary crisis, by mobilizing scientists engaged in breakthrough research, with the greatest potential to stabilize the planet's ecosystem."

Congratulations to Canada's 2025 National Champion Dr. Suzanne Tank, professor at the University of Alberta and member of the leadership team for the Arctic Great Rivers Observatory.



Institutional Members

As a member-based organization, the RSC has relied historically on the annual support of individual members elected for their achievements and commitment to contribute to a better future. Since 2004, a membership category for institutions has enabled the RSC to significantly expand its structure as well as its scope of activities. These are the Institutional Members of the RSC:



College Graduating Class

Members are elected to the College for a seven-year term, and March 31, 2026 will mark the graduation of the fifth cohort. We recognize and thank the Members Elected in 2018, who have been instrumental in the development and growth of the College.

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University of Ottawa

Iwao Hirose
McGill University

Nitika Pant Pai
McGill University

Lori Brotto
The University of British Columbia

Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo
Université de Montréal

Guillaume Paré
McMaster University

Hugo Cardoso
Simon Fraser University

Marek Korkusinski
National Research Council of
Canada

Andrew Pelling
University of Ottawa

Nathalie Chalifour
University of Ottawa

Marc-André Langlois
University of Ottawa

Vincent Pouliot
McGill University

Wai Lung (William) Cheung
The University of British Columbia

Katherine Rebecca Larson
University of Toronto

Deanna Helen Reder
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Yasmin Dawood
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McGill University

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Dalhousie University

Jennifer Stinson
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Alison McGuigan
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University of Ottawa

George Georgiou
University of Alberta

Sean Mills
University of Toronto

William Turkel
Western University

Elizabeth Gillies
Western University

John Edward Moores
York University

Danielle Way
Western University

Kiley Hamlin
The University of British Columbia

Krista Muis
McGill University

Hongbo Zeng
University of Alberta

Allison Harell
Université du Québec à Montréal

Sean Myles
Dalhousie University

Life Members

Each year the RSC recognizes its Life Members—those who have been Fellows for 25 years. This year's Life Members are those who were elected in 2000.

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Simon Fraser University

Raymond Andersen
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Anthony Barrett
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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Dalhousie University

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The University of British Columbia

Mary Lynn Stewart
Simon Fraser University

Gilles Trudeau
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James Tully
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The University of British Columbia

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Alan Batten (1933-2024)
Elected 1977, Academy of Science

Margaret Becklake (1922-2018)
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Monique Bégin (1936-2023)
Elected 1996, Academy of Social Sciences

Derek Bewley (1943-2023)
Elected 1982, Academy of Science

Charles Bolton (1943-2021)
Elected 1985, Academy of Science

Adrian Brook (1924-2013)
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Elected 2009, Academy of Science

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Elected 1991, Academy of Arts and Humanities

Howard Clark (1929-2024)
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Elected 2008, Academy of Science

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Ian Lancashire (1942-2025)
Elected 2007, Academy of Arts and Humanities

Gary Libben (1952-2025)
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Elected 1990, Academy of Science

Maurice Tardif (1953-2023)
Elected 2010, Academy of Social Sciences

James Till (1931-2025)
Elected 1969, Academy of Science

Thomas Timusk (1933-2025)
Elected 1995, Academy of Science

Barry Wellman (1942-2024)
Elected 2007, Academy of Social Sciences

John Alexander Wilson (J.A.W.) Gunn (1937-2023)
Elected 1983, Academy of Social Sciences

Gary Libben (1952-2025): Psycholinguist, Mentor, Friend

Gary Libben was a psycholinguist whose research explored how the mind represents and processes structurally complex words. Throughout his career, he led both national and international interdisciplinary research networks and conducted pioneering studies on how compound words are processed across languages, how they are represented in the minds of bilinguals, and how their processing may be affected by brain injury. As a part of this work, Gary developed methodological advances in laboratory psycholinguistics as well as new techniques for the assessment of language loss resulting from damage to the brain.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Gary held many leadership and academic roles. He served as Associate Dean (Research) and Founding Director of the Centre for Comparative Psycholinguistics at the University of Alberta; President of the Canadian Linguistics Association; Associate Vice-President (Research) at the University of Calgary; Vice-President (Research) and Professor of Applied Linguistics at Brock University; and Director of the “Words in the World” project, a \$2.5 million initiative dedicated to training the next generation of psycholinguistic scholars. He was also co-founding Editor of *The Mental Lexicon*, now in its 19th volume.

The RSC had the honour of welcoming Gary in 2008, when he was inducted into the Academy of Arts and Humanities. In 2018, he served as the Director of the Humanities Division, and in 2021, he became the RSC Secretary – a role which he carried out with extraordinary care, attention, and generosity until his final days. As RSC Secretary, Gary welcomed 307 Fellows and 98 Award Winners to the RSC, greeting each person who crossed the stage with a warm smile.

Despite his remarkable academic achievements, Gary remained deeply humble, always making those around him feel welcome and valued. Gary passed away on April 30, 2025, after a lengthy illness. He will be dearly missed.

Gary’s legacy—as a scholar, mentor, and friend—will live on. He reminds us that above all else, it is kindness that leaves the deepest mark, just as his did on all of us.



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