

The Pardes Humanitarian Prize In Mental Health 2024



Nomination Packet

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March 26, 2024

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to submit a nomination for the Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health, to be awarded by the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation in October of this year.

Established by the late Stephen and Constance Lieber and the BBRF, this International Prize was named in honor of Dr. Herbert Pardes. It recognizes physicians, scientists, public citizens, or organizations whose extraordinary contributions have made a profound impact on advancing the understanding of mental health and providing the hope and healing for people who are living with mental illness.

The recipient of the Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health will receive an honorarium of \$100,000, and we hope to formally present the prize at the 2024 International Awards Dinner in October in New York City. A distinguished International Selection Committee will evaluate all nominations and select the Prize recipient(s).

Funding discoveries that lead to a deeper understanding of the brain and better ways of treating, curing and ultimately preventing mental illness has been the mission of the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation since its founding in the 1980s. Since that time, over \$450 million has been granted to scientists around the world, enabling countless discoveries and breakthroughs that are paving the road to better treatments of diseases of the brain.

The Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health is unique in that there are no restrictions placed on the field or discipline of the nominees. The Prize is intended to recognize a person or organization whose work is transformative and of great magnitude, changing the lives and bringing the joy of living to those facing challenges to mental health.

Nomination details are attached. Please forward your nomination via email no later than **Tuesday, April 16, 2024** to:

Sho Tin Chen, Vice President, Research Grants at schen@bbrfoundation.org
the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation.

Your participation in this effort means a great deal. Working together we can make a powerful difference in the futures of those living with mental illness.

With our sincere thanks,



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History

The Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health, named in honor of Herbert Pardes, M.D., was inaugurated in 2014 at a reception of the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation. The Prize was intended both to honor the humanitarian achievements of Dr. Herbert Pardes and to establish recognition of similar achievements by others in the years ahead.

Recognizing, as the World Health Organization has emphasized, that mental illness is one of the largest health challenges in the world, the Foundation aims to honor people who will overcome and help others to overcome that challenge.

In establishing this Prize, the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation Board of Directors acknowledges the urgency of enhancing mental health services both in the developed world and in developing countries. It sees a vast challenge that will be better met when there is broad recognition of what can be accomplished by exceptional individuals with profound understanding of the challenges and strong humanitarian instincts.

Description of the Prize

The Prize consists of an honorarium in the amount of \$100,000. The Prize is intended to both honor the efforts of the recipient(s) and support their work going forward.

Prize Criteria

The Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health, an international prize, recognizes physicians, scientists, public citizens, or organizations whose extraordinary contributions have made a profound and lasting impact by improving the lives of people suffering from mental illness and advancing the understanding of mental health.

This Prize is foremost a humanitarian award.

The ideal candidate will most likely have made a series of contributions of magnitude, rather than one specific contribution.

Contributions can be varied and there is not one path toward becoming the successful candidate.

Though research can be a strong asset for a candidate's nomination, it is not required. This type of work must also have extended beyond research toward a humanitarian effort.

Past recipients have made a wide breadth of contributions including: serving the underserved, legislative reform, judicial reform, advocacy for those without a voice, working in disaster and war zones, and working with senior populations.

Most notably, the candidate's work is or has been transformative.

There are no restrictions on the candidate's discipline or field of service. The candidates may be public servants, physicians, advocates, philanthropists, business leaders, scientists, celebrities, inventors, or organizations. They may come from an unlikely field.

No one has better described the goals of this international Prize than Dr. Pardes himself. He sees the Prize as a vehicle for broadening attention to and understanding the burden of mental illness on individuals and on society.

He has said, "Society has found ways of recognizing contributions in basic science, clinical research, and clinical care in the non-psychiatric health fields. This Prize is designed to recognize individuals who comprehensively care, teach, investigate, work, and advocate for improving the mental health of society while simultaneously reducing the pain that psychiatric illness causes."

Characteristics of the recipient should include a focus on humanitarianism, as well as significant contributions to education, prevention, research, administration, clinical care, mentoring and advocacy for policies in support of mental health.

Nomination Requirements

1. Concise nomination (**maximum 250 words**) describing contributions of nominee(s) and why the nominee(s) should be considered for this prize.
2. Biography of nominee(s) with focus on humanitarian efforts (**maximum 3 pages**).
3. Up to 2 supporting letters from colleagues may be included (**optional**).
4. Please email this as one single document labeled: "**Last Name, First Name 2024 Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health**" to Sho Tin Chen, Director, Research Grants, at schen@bbrfoundation.org of the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation by **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**.

Additional Information

Who is eligible to be nominated?

Anyone or any organization that has made a profound and lasting contribution to mental health awareness is eligible for nomination.

May more than one person be nominated?

Yes, more than one person may be nominated.

Is this an international prize?

Yes, this Prize is intended to have a global reach. Prize winners may reside in any country of the world. Invited nominators and members of the Selection Committee were chosen with this in mind.

Who may submit a nomination?

Nominations are solicited by invitation. Self-nominations will not be considered.

How long does a nomination remain in effect?

Nominations will stand for three years. If the nominee is not selected after that time a candidate must be re-nominated in order to be reconsidered for the Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health.

Are there limits as to how many nominations may be submitted by a single institution?

No, there are no limits and all strong nominations are encouraged.

Will the Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health be given every year?

Yes, the intention is to award this Prize annually.

Are the word limits on nomination forms enforced?

Yes, word limits are necessary because of the volume of nominations received. This will allow the members of the Selection Committee to evaluate all the nominations in an efficient and timely manner.

Are letters of support required?

Supporting letters are not required but they are helpful to the Selection Committee. A maximum of two supporting letters may be included with each nomination. If necessary, support letters may be sent by email to Sho Tin Chen, Vice President, Research Grants at schen@bbrfoundation.org.

Is the nomination process confidential?

All nominations, support letters and nominating materials are kept strictly confidential.

How are nominations evaluated?

A distinguished International Selection Committee, chaired by Dr. Herbert Pardes, will evaluate all nominations. The Committee is responsible for the selection of the Prize recipient.

When is the recipient notified?

The Prize recipient will be notified in the summer. The public announcement of the 2024 recipient will take place at a later date.

When will the Prize be presented?

We hope to present the Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health in person at the 2024 International Awards Dinner in October (subject to circumstances of the pandemic). If we are unable to present the Prize in person, we will arrange to have it sent to your home.

For additional information, please contact:

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Past Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health Recipients

2023

Special Olympics International
Henry Jarecki, M.D., Honorary Tribute

2022

Altha J. Stewart, M.D.
Robert van Voren, Ph.D., FRCPsych (Hon)
Clubhouse International, Honorary Tribute
Sean Mayberry, Honorary Tribute

2021

Kay Redfield Jamison, Ph.D.
Elyn R. Saks, J.D., Ph.D.
Charlene Sunkel
John M. Davis, M.D., Honorary Tribute
Michael R. Phillips, M.D., MPH, Honorary Tribute
Norman Sartorius, M.D., Ph.D., FRCPsych, Honorary Tribute

2020

Myrna M. Weissman, Ph.D.
Sir Michael Rutter, CBE, FRS, FRCPsych, FMedSci
E. Fuller Torrey, M.D., Honorary Tribute

2019

William T. Carpenter, Jr., M.D.
Cynthia Bissett Germanotta, Honorary Tribute

2018

Judge Steven Leifman
Suzanne and Bob Wright, Honorary Tribute

2017

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières
Constance E. Lieber, Honorary Tribute

2016

Vikram Patel, Ph.D., F. Med.Sci.
Charles F. Reynolds III, M.D.
Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Honorary Tribute

2015

David A. Hamburg, M.D. and Beatrix A. Hamburg, M.D.
Rosalynn Carter, Honorary Tribute

2014

Herbert Pardes, M.D.

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Name of Nominee(s)

Name of Nominator(s)

Describe the contributions of the nominee(s) and the reasons why the nominee(s) should be considered for this prize. (Maximum 250 words)