

The W. Garfield Weston Awards are now among Canada's most prestigious northern science awards, thanks in large part to the hard work of ACUNS' staff and volunteers, and the members of the adjudication committees: the Natural Sciences Committee and Canadian Northern Studies Trust. Their leadership and dedication to advancing northern scholarship is evidenced by the exceptional caliber of recipients produced year after year. Over the past ten years, the W. Garfield Weston Awards in Northern Research have increased both in scope and size. The increasingly complex nature of the Award programs has been in response to growing needs, both by the scientific community and by the Foundation's evolving strategic direction.

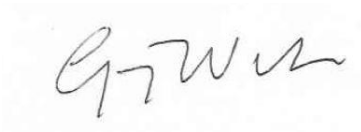
It is therefore with mixed emotions that today we announce the W. Garfield Weston Awards in Northern Research and the Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement will be administered by a new delivery agency as of June 1, 2019. This will allow the Foundation to find efficiencies across other Award programs while also enabling the Northern Committee to meet its developing strategic needs. The Foundation and ACUNS are committed to ensuring all current and new Award recipients experience a smooth transition between organizations with no interruptions to the current Award cycle, payment and deliverables. ACUNS will oversee the adjudication of the 2019-2020 Awards applications, which will be announced this June, and we will communicate new processes with all stakeholders in the weeks and months ahead.

We are proud that our partnership has contributed so much to advancing northern science in Canada, and are both eager to see our respective visions brought to life.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Northern Committee
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