

Recognition

Four Canadians recognized with 2019 Royal College International Collaboration Awards



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The Royal College International Collaboration Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated leadership and excellence in advancing postgraduate medical education and residency training outside Canada, through — but not limited to — enacting, participating in, or promoting Royal College frameworks, programs and/or collaborations.

Co-recipients Drs. Gwen Hollaar and Jane Lemaire



Dr. Gwen Hollaar and Dr. Jane Lemaire

Drs. Hollaar and Lemaire, together with their Lao colleagues, have provided the leadership to help develop a new medical school undergraduate

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curriculum, initiate a family medicine training program and provide continuing medical education opportunities for family medicine program graduates. They work tirelessly with their Lao colleagues to strengthen medical education within teaching hospitals and rural teaching sites.

The Laos project is supported by a multitude of invested physician and non-physician volunteers and colleagues both in Calgary and Laos. This immensely productive and successful collaboration has spawned friendships, positive change and hope.

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Gwen Hollaar, MD, FRCSC

- General surgeon, Department of Surgery, University of Calgary
- Assistant dean of Global Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary

Throughout her career, Dr. Hollaar has been involved in global health projects with a primary focus on medical education. Locally, she participates in preparing and debriefing medical trainees who go on global health electives and mentors residents in global health projects. Nationally, she has led the International Surgery Committee of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons and organized the Bethune Round Table Global Surgery conference in Calgary on two occasions. Internationally, she has led or served as an advisor for medical education projects for the Global Health Office at the University of Calgary. Most recently, she has been co-leading the International Institute for Medical Education Leadership where faculty from eight partner institutions in low and middle income countries are brought together to learn, share challenges and share successes in medical education.

Dr. Hollaar has been co-lead on the Laos project with Dr. Jane Lemaire for many years.

Jane Lemaire, MD, FRCPC

- Practising consultant in General Internal Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary
- Clinical professor, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary

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Dr. Lemaire has spent much of her career as a medical educator at the local and national levels. She has received numerous awards for her teaching skills and has spearheaded innovations in medical education locally. Dr. Lemaire served on the Royal College's Internal Medicine Committee as a member and then chair for almost a decade. More recently, she has led research on the evolving role of the clinical teaching unit preceptor within the complex health system model. Dr. Lemaire's area of research expertise is physician wellness. She is currently a member of the Royal College's Physician Health Advisory Group.

Dr. Lemaire has participated in global health projects throughout her career, with a focus on the Laos project for the last 20 years. She is the co-lead of the project alongside Dr. Gwen Hollaar.

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