



Call for Nominations

Louise and Frank Nieboer Stroke Lecture

Canadian Stroke Collaboration

Background:

The Nieboer Lecture was established in 2021 to acknowledge and honor outstanding members of our community who have directly experienced or been impacted by stroke, and who have selflessly turned their personal experiences into a mission to help others travelling a similar journey. *

This lecture is named in honor of Louise and Frank Nieboer. Louise is an incredible woman and role model who experienced a stroke at the age of 32. She has spent her life continually making gains and providing hope, light, and inspiration to others. Her husband Frank has demonstrated the power of having a soulmate who provides a continual source of strength, generosity, and encouragement to her and to so many others as well. Together they have established several stroke support organizations in Alberta, provide peer-support in hospital and in the community to people experiencing stroke. They have provided countless hours of volunteer leadership on the Canadian Stroke Network Board of Directors, the Canadian Stroke Strategy and Heart & Stroke in Alberta and nationally. Louise and Frank, working with the *Canadian Stroke Strategy*, created a guidebook to help others start their own stroke support organizations across Canada and globally. They are public speakers and passionate advocates to help improve systems of care, services and support for people living with stroke and achieving optimal recovery so they can continue to live meaningful lives as active members of their communities.

For 2024, this lecture will take place during the CanStroke Recovery Trial's *Canadian Stroke Congress*, being held in Calgary on November 28 – 29, 2024.

Nieboer Lecturer Award:

The Nieboer Lecture is awarded to an individual, couple or family who has made a significant and positive impact on stroke recovery, stroke systems of care and/or support for people with lived experience of stroke in Canada. It will recognize individuals, couples or families who have been engaged in these activities over a long period of time that has resulted in measurable positive impact on the lives of people experiencing stroke.

- The Nieboer lecturer is awarded an opportunity to present a short talk at a feature plenary session at a national, provincial, or regional Stroke meeting in the year of the award.

- The Nieboer lecturer receives a letter of acknowledgement and congratulations signed by the Heart & Stroke Foundation, the Canadian Stroke Consortium, Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation, and the CanStroke Recovery Trials Platform.
- There is no monetary award for this lectureship. *All travel and accommodation expenses for the selected lecturer will be provided by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. The option to present the lecture virtually would be considered if appropriate. In person attendance preferred.*

** Note, a separate named lectureship, the Hnatyshyn Lecture, will be awarded to a health professional working in stroke and or vascular cognitive impairment who has made a significant and positive impact on brain health through his/her contribution to research, clinical care in any discipline, systems change and/or support for people with lived experience in the field of stroke and vascular cognitive impairment in Canada. The Call for Nominations and presentation of the Lectureship for the Hnatyshyn lecture will be shared at the same time as the Nieboer Lecture. Information on the Hnatyshyn Lecture is available [here](#).*

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- Nominees should be people with personal lived experience of stroke, or a family member, caregiver or community member residing in Canada.
- Nominees should be individuals, couples and families who are dedicated to fostering hope in others throughout their stroke journeys and have made significant and demonstrated contributions to the field of support for people with stroke without expectations of rewards and remuneration.
- Nominees have demonstrated that they have had a positive impact on the lives of many people living with stroke through the following activities: direct support, guidance and instilling hope in people with stroke; increasing awareness of the signs of stroke; advocacy for improved stroke care, services and resources; promoting a more integrated and accessible system of care for stroke in Canada; acting as spokesperson and public speaker; engaging with local, regional and national organizations in support of brain health and support for people experiencing stroke, developing tools and resources to support people living with stroke. Special consideration being given/may be given to those who have provided support or assistance to underserved communities or communities affected by discrimination, racism.
- Nominees should be individuals, couple or families who have demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of people with stroke over a longer time frame (at least 2 years).
- Nominee's personal attributes and accomplishments.
- Nominations should be submitted for anyone who meets the selection criteria as outstanding champions of people with stroke. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominee must be available to present their lecture at the designated regional or national stroke conference in the year they are selected for the award.

Submission Process:

- All nominations should be submitted in writing to Laurie Charest, Coordinator, Health Systems at the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (laurie.charest@heartandstroke.ca).

- All nominations must include the following:
 - o Name of nominating individual or group
 - o Name of nominee, location, email contact information, professional designation of nominee (if applicable), current role and affiliations
 - o Up to a 500 word statement of the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee that would demonstrate their eligibility and worthiness for this award
 - o Additional letters of support from peers of the nominee will be accepted but are not required for consideration. All letters of support should also be under 500 words and focus on significant contributions and reasons why the nominee is deserving of this recognition.

Timelines:

- **Due date for submission of nominations and all supporting materials is June 3rd, 2024 by end of business day.**
- The successful Lecturer will be notified at the end of June 2024.