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Four Alberta Cancer Board researchers receive awards from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research

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The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) recently announced the recipients of its September 2007 independent investigator awards. These awards mark the Foundation's transition to a new awards structure that sees funding increased from five to seven years. The awards offered to 54 internationally competitive researchers based in Alberta or in recruitment to the province, total more than \$59 million. The majority of the awards are in excess of \$1 million each.

Four Alberta Cancer Board researchers were honoured:

Linda Carlson received an award in the Health Scholarship for her project titled "Evaluation of Online Distress Screening for Newly Diagnosed Cancer Patients: A Randomized Controlled Trial".

Christine Friedenreich received an Independent Investigator Award in the Health Senior Scholar category for her project titled "Physical Activity in Cancer Control: From Observational to Intervention Research".

Savraj Grewal received a Scholarship award for his project "Ribosome Synthesis and Cell Growth Control".

Anthony Reiman received an award in the Clinical Investigator category for his project "Therapeutic Targets in the Multiple Myeloma Centrosome".

The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research currently provides funding for more than 600 researchers and researchers-in-training at the province's three main universities. AHFMR's commitment is to fund health research based on international standards of excellence and carried out by new and established investigators and researchers-in-training.

Please join us in congratulating all of the AHFMR award recipients!