

Genomics Impact Awards reception

Run of show, timings, basic script

Event	Canadian Genomics Impact Awards Reception
Date	Feb. 5, 2025
Key timing	Reception 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Awards component 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Objectives / key messages	<p>Genome Canada is launching new Genomics Impact Awards program to recognize the excellence and impact of Canadian genomics scientists and champions of genomics research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Winners will be announced at the inaugural Canadian Genomics Summit 2025 evening reception on Feb. 5, 2025, in Ottawa. – The awards will become a bi-annual activity run in conjunction with the Summit, both growing and expanding in size and scope in the years to come. <p>The objectives of the awards program are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Celebrate excellence in Canadian genomics research and innovation—from early-stage investment to late-stage commercialization – Promote greater public and stakeholder awareness of genomics science and the significant contributions of Canadian genomics scientists in addressing the most pressing challenges facing Canada and the world – Inspire, encourage and support genomics scientists across career stages
Presenters	<p>Opening remarks: Rob Annan, President and CEO, Genome Canada</p> <p>Emcee: André Picard, Health Reporter, The Globe and Mail</p> <p>Closing remarks: Elizabeth Douville, Genome Canada Board Chair and CEO of IRICoR</p>
Physical set up	<p>The Panorama room at the Delta City Centre will be organized with a main stage against the back wall of the room. There will be an elevated stage and a podium with a microphone.</p> <p>Behind the stage will be a large screen with a single slide that says “Genomics Impact Awards” on it, fading between English & French versions every minute. There will be a DJ playing music who will pause music for the awards ceremony.</p>

2'	André Picard	<p>AWARD #4: Announcement of the Lifetime Achievement Award</p> <p>This award is given to a genomics leader who has made significant contributions to genomics science over the course of their career. This year, the Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Dr. Ford Doolittle, Professor Emeritus at Dalhousie University...</p> <p>I now invite you, Dr. Doolittle to say a few words.</p>
1'	<p>Ford Doolittle at podium</p> <p>André Picard off to the side</p>	<p>Award acceptance speech</p> <p>Unscripted. Approximately 1 minute.</p> <p><i>[Dr. Doolittle gives short remarks, stays on stage]</i></p>
2'	André Picard, Steve Armstrong (GATL CEO), Rob Annan (GC CEO) and Dr. Doolittle	<p>Award handover and photo op</p> <p>Dr. Ford Doolittle was nominated by Genome Atlantic, so I invite Steve Armstrong, CEO of Genome Atlantic, and Dr. Rob Annan, to present the award and take a photo.</p> <p>Congratulations! <i>[Hand award to winner, who shakes hands in this order: André Picard, Steve Armstrong, Rob Annan. Stand for a posed photo with everyone who is on stage. Everyone but emcee leaves stage.]</i></p>
1'	André Picard	<p>André Picard congratulates all the winners, thanks the audience, encourages them to enjoy the evening, and invites Genome Canada Board Chair and CEO of IRICoR, Elizabeth Douville, to the stage.</p> <p><i>[André Picard leaves stage]</i></p>
2'	Elizabeth Douville	<p>Elizabeth Douville congratulates all winners and thanks André Picard for being emcee. Reminds everyone about tomorrow's conference, invites them to come, mentions that we will have an announcement at the opening session.</p> <p><i>[Elizabeth Douville leaves stage, DJ music resumes]</i></p>
Rest of time		Guests mingle, network, enjoy food and drinks