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## Four Outstanding Canadians to Receive 2018 Manning Innovation Awards

CALGARY, AB—The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation is pleased to announce its 2018 Laureates. They will receive their awards at the 37th Manning Innovation Awards presented by Scotiabank. These national awards reward and recognize Canadian innovators whose innovations are commercially viable, support our provincial and national economies by creating jobs and wealth, and position Canada as a global competitor.

“In celebrating these outstanding Canadian innovators, and sharing their remarkable accomplishments, we are declaring we are well on our way to becoming a nation of innovators,” says Jennifer Diakiw, President of the Ernest C. Manning Awards.

The winners, three from Toronto and one from Ottawa, will speak about their innovation journeys at the 2018 Innovation Symposium and Pitch Competition on Oct 23, 2018, at ONRamp in Toronto. The public is invited to attend in person or via live stream. Event details: <https://bit.ly/2DD70jj>

The awards will be presented on Oct 24, 2018, at a prestigious awards dinner at the Scotiabank Centre in downtown Toronto, attended by past Laureates, Canadian innovators, and their supporters – all known for their innovation excellence.

Listed below are the winners and short descriptions of their innovations. For full summaries on each 2018 Laureate, please see the additional attachment.

Principal Award: \$100,000

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**Dr. Daniel Drucker**

Discovery and development GLP-2 therapies

*Toronto, Ontario*

Dr. Daniel Drucker researched, developed and commercialized a GLP-2 analogue, teduglutide, the first therapy approved for long-term use for people living with Short Bowel Syndrome (SBS). The discovery of GLP-2 therapy has revolutionized SBS patient care, with a profound impact on those living with the disorder, their families and the physicians who care for them.

David E. Mitchell Award of Distinction: \$25,000  
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**Dr. Matthew Bromwich**

SHOEBOX Audiometry

*Ottawa, Ontario*

Dr. Matthew Bromwich researched and invented a 21<sup>st</sup>-century diagnostic hearing test, SHOEBOX Audiometry. SHOEBOX makes hearing testing easy, accurate, and accessible. This e-health enabled, point-of-care platform includes an iPad-based interactive audiometer that is smaller than a shoebox to perform clinical grade hearing tests.

Facebook Innovation Award: \$10,000

**Dr. Kamran Khan**

Explorer by BlueDot

*Toronto, Ontario*

Dr. Kamran Khan led the development of Explorer, a web-based application that uses geographic information systems technology to integrate, analyze and visualize data to help countries better prepare for, and respond to, dangerous infectious disease threats.

Arthur J.E. Child Innovation Award: \$10,000

**Dr. Morgan Wyatt**

Greenlid

*Toronto, Ontario*

Dr. Morgan Wyatt researched and developed a leak-proof technology that enabled the world's first fully compostable compost bin, Greenlid, made in Canada from 100% end-of-life recycled cardboard. Since 2014, Greenlids have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by almost 2.5 million tonnes of CO2.

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Since 1982, the Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation has been building a culture of innovation in Canada by discovering, encouraging and rewarding Canadian innovators of all ages, and across all sectors. As a national charity, we take great pride in our ability to discover and support Canada's innovation heroes. Our Foundation's prestigious reputation is due in large part to the caliber of our Laureates, and our three-part, Nobel-inspired evaluation and selection process. For more information visit: <http://www.manningawards.ca>.