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Dr. Robert Carr passed away suddenly at the age of 48 in early 2011, a loss that stunned people working in the HIV field. In the months after his death, ICASO worked with partners to establish the Robert Carr Memorial Lecture at the biannual International AIDS Conference, as a tribute to his legacy. The lecture provides a platform for individuals and organizations that have advanced human rights as part of the global response to AIDS. Robert was particularly passionate about the need for cross-disciplinary research to inform policy and advocacy efforts. It is this passion that ICASO, Human Rights Watch (HRW), the International AIDS Society (IAS), and the Center for Public Health and Human Rights (CPHHR) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health wished to honor by establishing the Robert Carr Research Award at AIDS 2014, and continued at AIDS 2016 and AIDS 2018 with the added support of Caribbean Vulnerable Communities (CVC) and the Global Forum on MSM and HIV (MSMGF). As a group, we are carrying forward the award and memorial lecture this year at AIDS 2020 in Oakland and San Francisco.

The Robert Carr Research Award celebrates Robert's vision of collaboration between community organizations, academic researchers, and advocates to advance human rights-based policies and practices in countries where communities disproportionately affected by HIV continue to face discrimination, social rejection, violence and imprisonment—often by government officials and agencies. Robert's commitment to translating findings from research collaborations between community and academic partners into tangible policy development and advocacy efforts is the driving force behind this prize. This year's winners will be announced at the 23rd International AIDS Conference in Oakland and San Francisco, United States, in July 2020.

Nominations open to the public

For the second time the nominations are open to the public. This means that anyone can submit a nomination, either of a project they have been directly involved with or not, which they would like to see recognized for outstanding collaboration between community and academic partners.

The deadline for nominations is 31 March 2020. The nomination system will be open from today, 1 March 2020. The nomination must explain how the study meets the criteria listed below, and must be submitted through the online form.

The online nomination form is available **HERE:** <https://forms.gle/Zknc3FujoTUQWgF39>

Eligibility Criteria

The aim of the prize is to highlight a research project conducted by a **community-academia partnership** in which all partners were equally involved in designing the study, collecting and analyzing the data and disseminating the results, and which **has led to evidence-based programs and/or influenced policies in the field of HIV.**

To be eligible for the Award, the research project must meet the following criteria:

- The research project has been conducted by a community-academia partnership in which all partners were equally involved in designing the study, collecting and analyzing the data and disseminating the results.
- The research project has led to evidence-based programs and/or influenced policies in the field of HIV to guide a human rights-based response to HIV.
- For the 2020 edition, preference will be given to projects that address issues of race and/or migration and HIV

Components of the Award

The prize will be awarded to two individuals, representing community and academia, who were involved equally in the selected study.

The Award consists of the following components:

- Coverage of travel expenses and conference registration fees to attend the International AIDS Conference for two awardees (one representative from community and one representative from academia)
- Certificate and Award “art”
- Invitation to deliver the keynote address for the Robert Carr Memorial Lecture and presentation of the Award

Past Awardees

AIDS 2018 – Amsterdam, Netherlands **Expandiendo las Opciones:** Un estudio de caso de una acción colectiva para crear una clínica de base comunitaria de profilaxis pre-exposición para hombres que tienen sexo con hombres (HSH). Guatemala. **Partners:** Colectivo Amigos contra el SIDA (CAS), Gillings School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, USA.

AIDS 2016 – Durban, South Africa: **Positive Spaces Healthy Places.** Ontario, Canada. **Partners:** Fife House and Ontario HIV Treatment Network.

AIDS 2014 – Melbourne, Australia: **Sex Work and Violence: Understanding Factors for Safety and Protection.** Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. **Partners:** Centre for Advocacy on Stigma and Marginalisation, the Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers, UNDP, UNAIDS, and UNFPA.

Questions?

The Robert Carr Research Award is coordinated by ICASO. Any questions about nominating procedures or eligibility may be directed by [email](#). For more information on the award and lecture, please visit [our page](#).

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