

Canadian Osteogenesis Imperfecta Society Société canadienne d'ostéogenèse imparfaite

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Canadian Osteogenesis Imperfecta Society (COIS) launches Research Fellowship Program

Toronto, ONT— **COIS** is proud to announce the launch of a Research Fellowship Program that will provide a platform to help broaden research, treatment, and management of OI, often called Brittle Bone Disease. The inaugural Research Fellowship Grant will honour the lifetime work and achievements of Dr Francis Glorieux whose ground-breaking research, treatment, and care of OI patients, as well as his commitment to the global OI community, are world renowned.

"We are delighted to announce the creation of the COIS Research Fellowship Program and extremely proud to have the inaugural Fellowship Grant honour such a great person as Dr Francis Glorieux" said Jacinta Whyte President and Chair of COIS. "The OI community around the world is fortunate to have such a dedicated clinician and physician who has made transformational differences to so many lives."

The Francis Glorieux Fellowship for Medical Research will provide an opportunity for medical researchers to take his legacy forward and, like him, make important and far-reaching contributions to the OI community in Canada and across the globe.

About COIS

COIS is a registered Canadian charity whose mission is to improve the quality of life for those living with OI through education, research, and mutual support. COIS is committed to building a strong national community, increasing OI awareness, supporting and funding research, and collaborating with other OI communities around the world.

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