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Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Francis Collins to Receive National Academy of Public Administration’s “Elliot L. Richardson Prize for Excellence in Public Service”
NBC News’ Chuck Todd to Moderate February 16th Award Ceremony

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration today announced that Dr. Anthony Fauci, M.D. and Dr. Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D. will receive the Elliot L. Richardson Prize for Excellence in Public Service on February 16, 2022 during a virtual award ceremony.

“The Elliot L. Richardson Prize Fund and the Academy are pleased to honor Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins for their long and distinguished careers in public service,” said Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the Academy. “Their contributions, commitment and leadership in public health make them both outstanding role models for future generations of public servants.”

The award ceremony will take place virtually on February 16th, with NBC News Political Director and Meet the Press moderator Chuck Todd moderating a discussion on public service and public health with Drs. Fauci and Collins.

The Elliot L. Richardson Prize is presented on a biennial basis to individuals possessing the outstanding public service virtues exemplified by the late Mr. Richardson. An Academy Fellow, Mr. Richardson served in four Cabinet-level positions in the U.S. government: Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), Secretary of Defense, Attorney General and Secretary of Commerce.

Dr. Anthony Fauci has been the Director of the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) since 1984. He oversees an extensive portfolio of basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose, and treat established infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, tuberculosis and malaria as well as emerging diseases such as Ebola and Zika. Dr. Fauci has advised seven presidents on HIV/AIDS and many other domestic and global health issues. In addition, he is the longtime chief of the NIH/NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation.
Dr. Francis Collins was Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from 2009-2021. As the longest serving presidentially appointed NIH director, Dr. Collins oversaw the work of the largest supporter of biomedical research in the world, spanning the spectrum from basic to clinical research. Dr. Collins is a physician-geneticist noted for his landmark discoveries of disease genes and his leadership of the international Human Genome Project. He served as director of the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH from 1993-2008.

Honorees are selected by Elliot L. Richardson Prize Fund Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Joseph E. Kasputys and J.T. Smith, II, from the nominations submitted by Academy Fellows, members of the nominating committee and other members of the Academy. The Elliot L. Richardson Prize Fund Committee, chaired by Michael C. Rogers, then confirms the selection. The National Academy of Public Administration houses the Richardson Prize Fund.


Registration details can be found here.

**Elliott L. Richardson Prize Award Ceremony:**

**WHAT:** Elliot L. Richardson Prize for Excellence in Public Service award ceremony and moderated discussion with Dr. Anthony Fauci, M.D. and Dr. Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D.

**WHERE:** Virtual award ceremony

**WHEN:** February 16, 2022
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm ET

**WHO:**

- **Dr. Anthony Fauci, M.D.**, Chief Medical Advisor to the President; Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- **Dr. Francis Collins, M.D.**, former Director, National Institutes of Health
- **Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, M.D.**, Vice Dean for Public Health Practice, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Academy Fellow
- **J.T. Smith, II**, Academy Fellow, Academy Board Member and Member of the Elliott L. Richardson Prize Nominating Committee
- **Michael Rogers**, Academy Fellow and Chair of the Elliott L. Richardson Prize Committee
- **Terry Gerton**, President, CEO and Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration
MEDIA: Media planning to attend should RSVP to bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com

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