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Jean Addington receives the SIRS Distinguished Service Award



The Schizophrenia International Research Society has named Jean Addington, Ph.D., as the 2019 Distinguished Service Awardee. Dr. Addington is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada where she holds the Novartis Chair for Schizophrenia Research. Her research interests are in early detection and intervention in psychosis. Currently, her major research focus is the examination of predictors of conversion to psychosis and the development of psychosocial interventions for those at clinical high risk of developing psychosis. She is one of the principal investigators in the North American Prodrome Longitudinal Study (NAPLS) and holds a NIMH grant to determine predictors and mechanisms of developing psychosis. She leads a NIMH funded research clinical trial of Cognitive Behavioral Social

Skills Training for clinical high risk individuals. Additionally, she has received funding from Brain Canada to examine predictors of serious mental illness in youth at risk of serious mental illness.

Dr. Addington is both a world leader in risk for psychosis and schizophrenia research. She is among the world's top 1% of cited researchers. She has mentored many undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students and championed them into successful careers. She has greatly impacted the field of schizophrenia research in her early years with scales like the Calgary Depression Scale for Schizophrenia and later on with her focus on clinical high risk for psychosis individuals.

Dr. Addington will receive the Distinguished Service Award at the 2019 International Congress of the Schizophrenia International Research Society in Orlando, Florida.

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The Schizophrenia International Research Society (SIRS) was founded in 2005 with the goal of bringing together scientists from around the world to exchange the latest advances in biological and psychosocial research in schizophrenia. The Society is dedicated to facilitating international collaboration to discover the causes of, and better treatments for, schizophrenia and related disorders. Part of the mission of the Society is to promote educational programs about the latest findings in schizophrenia research, to effectively disseminate them worldwide, and to expedite the publication of new research.