# Vision Quest Halifax 2019

Hotel Halifax, 1990 Barrington St, Halifax, Baronet Ballroom

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| 8:00 am  | Registration opens, exhibitor demonstrations and free continental breakfast |
| 9:00 am  | **Welcome**Doug Earle, President & CEO and Andrew Burke, Chair of the Board of Directors, Fighting Blindness Canada  |
| 9:15 am  | **Tracing Inherited Eye Disease across Atlantic Canada - From Discovering Genes to Developing New Treatments**Dr. Jane Green, OC, ONL, BSc, MSc, PhD, CCMG (hon), FCAHS, HonoraryResearch Professor, Discipline of Genetics, Faculty of Medicine, MemorialUniversityBefore we could even think about gene therapy a lot of important work had to be done to gain a solid understanding of genetics, mutations and inherited retinal diseases. ***Dr. Jane Green*** has been working at the forefront of genetic research in Canada since the 1960s. In the 1970s Dr. Green moved to Newfoundland where she played a critical role in mapping IRDs across the province. Today, Dr. Green will speak to the historical perspective about medical genetics and gene therapy research. |
| 10:00 am | **Combatting Stigma: The National Young Leaders Program and the #SeeMeAs Campaign**Samantha Moore & Patrick Losier The Co-Chairs of FBC’s National Young Leaders Program will share their stories and talk about how our young leaders are combatting stigma with this year’s #SeeMeAs campaign. |
| 10:30 am | BREAK |

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| 11 am | **Emerging Therapies & Clinical Trials (Panel Discussion)**Scientists, clinicians and industry experts will discuss everything you ever wanted to know about clinical trials: how they are conceptualized, how patients can be involved, and how emerging genetic technologies play a role. There will be time for questions after the presentations. Panelists:* Dr. Jill Dolgin, PharmD, Head of Patient Advocacy, AGTC
* Dr. Jane Green, OC, ONL, BSc, MSc, PhD, CCMG (hon), FCAHS, Honorary Research Professor, Discipline of Genetics, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University
* Jill Beis, MSc, CCGC, Genetic Counselor, Maritime Medical Genetics Services, IWK Health Centre
* Jessica Ibbitson, MS, Vice President Clinical & Development Operations, ProQR Therapeutics
* Andrew Burke, Chair of the Board of Directors, Fighting Blindness Canada
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| 12 pm  | LUNCH |
| 1 pm | **Looking to the Future: Exploring the Research of Tomorrow’s Vision Science Leaders (Panel Discussion)**Dalhousie has a rich history of research excellence. Their researchers and students have made great contributions to science throughout their 200-year history. Moderated by Spring Farrell, Dal students will describe what is fascinating about their research projects and what their discoveries could contribute to the field of vision science. Panelists:* Spring Farrell, PhD, Project Coordinator, Retina & Optic Nerve Laboratory
* Lindsey Puddicombe, BSc candidate, Psychology & Health Studies
* Jack Quach, BSc Medical Sciences
* Sarah van der Ende, BSc, MSc candidate, Biochemistry
* Tareq Yousef, PhD candidate, Medical Neuroscience
* Delaney Henderson, MSc candidate, Medical Neuroscience
* Elyse Duggan, BSc candidate, Medical Science
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