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Aurora Prize for awakening humanity



Founded on behalf of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide and in gratitude to their saviors, the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative seeks to empower modern-day saviors to offer life and hope to those in urgent need of basic humanitarian aid anywhere in the world and thus continue the cycle of giving internationally. The Aurora Humanitarian Initiative is Gratitude in Action. It is an eight-year commitment (2015 to 2023, in remembrance of the eight years of the Armenian Genocide 1915-1923) to support people and promote

global projects that tackle the needs of the most helpless and destitute, and do so at great risk. This is achieved through the Initiative's various programs: The Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity, the Aurora Dialogues, the Aurora Humanitarian Index, the Gratitude Projects and the 100 LIVES Initiative. The Aurora Humanitarian Initiative is the vision of philanthropists [Vartan Gregorian, Noubar Afeyan and Ruben Vardanyan](#) who have been joined by more than 300 new supporters and partners. The Initiative welcomes all who embrace a commitment to our shared humanity.

The Aurora Humanitarian Initiative is represented by three organizations – Aurora Humanitarian Initiative Foundation, Inc. (New York, USA), the 100 Lives Foundation (Geneva, Switzerland) and the [IDeA Foundation](#)(Yerevan, Armenia).

The Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity is a global humanitarian award established to recognize modern day heroes and the exceptional impact their actions have made on preserving human life and advancing humanitarian causes in the face of adversity. On behalf of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide and in gratitude to their saviors, an Aurora Prize Laureate is being honored each year between 2015 and 2023 (in remembrance of the eight years of the Armenian Genocide 1915-1923) with a US\$100,000 grant as well as the unique opportunity to continue the cycle of giving by nominating organizations that inspired their work for a US\$1,000,000 award.

The Aurora Prize [Selection Committee](#) includes Nobel Laureates Oscar Arias, Shirin Ebadi and Leymah Gbowee; former president of Ireland Mary Robinson; human rights activist Hina Jilani; former foreign minister of Australia and President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group Gareth Evans; former president of Mexico Ernesto Zedillo; Médecins Sans Frontières co-founder and former foreign minister of France Bernard Kouchner; Director of the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London Professor the Lord Ara Darzi; former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power; President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York Vartan Gregorian; and Academy Award-winning actor and humanitarian George Clooney.

Global Campus Caucasus and the Global Campus Alumni network with its 3000 experts, activists and professionals throughout the world, can make significant contribution to the nominations process by helping uncover and recognize most deserving humanitarians from around the world.

The 2019 Aurora Prize nominations will close on **September 30**. For the last two weeks of the nomination period they have made the **#Nominate4Aurora** a really easy process – they are asking to share the name of an inspiring humanitarian and a link to the evidence that documents their work and impact [via a short form](#). Nominators whose candidates advance to become the 2019 Aurora Humanitarians (finalists) will be invited to attend the 2019 Aurora Prize Ceremony and Weekend of Events.

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