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2026 JOHN HOWLAND AWARD RECIPIENT



Bruce D. Gelb, MD

Dr. Bruce D. Gelb is the Dean for Child Health Research and Director of the Mindich Child Health and Development Institute (MCHDI) at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is the Gogel Family Professor of Child Health and Development and Professor of Pediatrics and Genetics and Genomic Sciences. Dr. Gelb received his B.S. from Amherst College (1980), M.D. from the University of Rochester (1984), and then completed a pediatric residency at Babies Hospital, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and a pediatric cardiology fellowship at Texas Children's Hospital. During his cardiology fellowship, he also completed research training (mentor: Edward R.B. McCabe, M.D., Ph.D.) at the Institute for Molecular Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Gelb joined the faculty at Mount Sinai in 1991, where he has remained to the present. Clinically, he founded and co-directs the Cardiovascular Genetics Program at Mount Sinai.

Dr. Gelb's 35-year-long career to date has focused on human genetics and genomics, particularly the elucidation of the genetic architecture of congenital heart disease. Among his group's several disease gene discoveries, the most notable one was the discovery in 2001 of *PTPN11* as the first gene for Noonan syndrome. This has led to a broad corpus of work about a class of biologically related disorders, now called the RASopathies, covering gene discoveries, establishing genotype-phenotype associations, elucidating disease pathogeneses, and testing mechanistic therapeutics by repurposing cancer drugs inhibiting RAS signaling. Dr. Gelb was a site principal investigator for all three funding cycles of the NHLBI-funded Pediatric Cardiac Genomics Consortium (PCGC). The PCGC assembled the largest biobank for congenital heart disease, and the work of Dr. Gelb and numerous colleagues has led to major advances in our understanding of the genetic causes of these birth defects. Dr. Gelb has also advanced pediatric precision medicine through several NIH-funded projects including NYCKidsSeq, the GEMINI trial of rapid genome sequencing in NICUs, and the ongoing Mount Sinai site for the Undiagnosed Diseases Network.

Dr. Gelb has been active in several biomedical organizations, often with leadership roles. Those include serving on the Council for the Society for Pediatric Research, President for the American Pediatric Society, Program Chair for the Pediatric Academic Societies' meeting, inaugural President of Pediatric Academic Societies, Inc., President for the International Pediatric Research Foundation, and Treasurer and then President for the American Society of Human Genetics. Dr. Gelb's research accomplishments have been recognized through prior awards—the E. Mead Johnson Award from the Society for Pediatric Research (2004), the Norman J. Siegel Outstanding New Member Award from the American Pediatric Society (2008), and the Alexander Nadas Lectureship for the American Heart Association (2014)—and election to the American Society for Clinical Investigation (2001) and the National Academy of Medicine (2010). Dr. Gelb has also emphasized mentoring throughout his career, guiding trainees at all levels from high school students through post-doctoral fellows. He has been particularly proud to see several develop their own research careers, including two in pediatric cardiology.

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Major Contribution to Pediatrics (1 of 2)

- 2025 Bonnie Ramsey**
Pulmonology
- 2024 Alan Jobe**
Neonatology
- 2023 Yvonne Maldonado**
Infectious Disease Epidemiology
- 2022 Richard J. Whitley**
Infectious Diseases
- 2021 Sherin U. Devaskar**
Neonatology, Mentorship &
Developmental Origins of Adult
Health and Disease
- 2020 Kathryn M. Edwards**
Vaccinology, Infectious Diseases
- 2019 David K. Stevenson**
Maternal and Child Health, Biology
of Bilirubin Production
- 2018 Thomas F. Boat**
Pulmonary
- 2017 Michael L. Weitzman**
Mentor, Child and Family
Advocate, Environmental and
Global Health
- 2016 Barbara J. Stoll**
Neonatology, Infectious Diseases
- 2015 Catherine D. DeAngelis**
Educator, Humanitarian, Journal
Editor
- 2014 Rebecca H. Buckley**
Immunology, Genetically-
determined Immunodeficiency
Diseases
- 2013 Elizabeth R. McNamee**
Adolescent Medicine and
Mentorship
- 2012 Philip A. Pizzo**
Childhood Cancer, HIV and
Immunology, Leadership in
Academic Pediatrics and Medical
Education
- 2011 Russell W. Chesney**
Nephrology, Renal Physiology and
Biochemical Genetics
- 2010 Charles R. Scriver**
Human Genetics, Biochemistry
and Metabolism
- 2009 Jerold F. Lucey**
Phototherapy, Neonatal Education
and Quality Improvement
- 2008 Richard B. Johnston, Jr.**
Immunology and Leadership
in Child Health and Academic
Pediatrics
- 2007 Ralph D. Feigin**
Infectious Diseases and Educator
- 2006 Kurt Hirschhorn**
Genetics and Immunology
- 2005 Mary Ellen Avery**
Surfactant and RDS
- 2004 Frederick C. Battaglia**
Fetal Physiology and Metabolism
- 2003 David G. Nathan**
Pediatric Hematology and
Educator
- 2002 Howard A. Pearson**
Hematology and Historian for APS
- 2001 Delbert A. Fisher**
Fetal and Developmental
Endocrinology
- 2000 Samuel L. Katz**
Vaccine Development and Teacher
- 1999 Abraham M. Rudolph**
Experimental Studies of the
Developing Heart
- 1998 Robert J. Haggerty**
Leadership in Pediatrics to
Improve Outcomes for Children
- 1997 Melvin M. Grumbach**
Endocrinology and Genetics of
Growth and Development
- 1996 Mildred T. Stahlman**
Cardiopulmonary Development
- 1995 Floyd W. Denny, Jr.**
Streptococcal and Mycoplasmal
Disease in Children

- 1994 Sydney S. Gellis**
Editorial Excellence - The
Consummate Clinician
- 1993 Lewis A. Barness**
Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases
- 1992 Gilbert B. Forbes**
Body Composition and Nutrition
- 1991 Robert E. Cooke &
Roland B. Scott**
Advocate for the Handicapped,
Sickle Cell Disease
- 1990 Julius Richmond**
Pediatric Health Educator and
Surgeon General
- 1989 Barton Childs**
Human Genetics
- 1988 Joseph Dancis**
Placental Physiology and
Metabolism
- 1987 Robert A. Good**
Immunology and Immunodeficiency
Diseases
- 1986 Richard L. Day**
Thermoregulation, Billirubin and
Oxygen Toxicity
- 1985 Wolf W. Zuelzer**
Pediatric Hematology and
Pathology
- 1984 Henry L. Barnett**
Renal Physiology and Nephrology
- 1983 Helen C. & Harold E. Harrison**
Mineral Metabolism
- 1982 Horace L. Hodes**
Virology
- 1981 Saul Krugman**
Hepatitis Virology
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Child Abuse and Small Pox
- 1979 Amos U. Christie**
Histoplasmosis and Educator
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Pediatric Immunology
- 1977 A. Ashley Weech**
Deficiency Diseases and Liver
Function
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Neonatal Physiology
- 1975 Harry H. Gordon**
Neonatal Nutrition

- 1974 Albert B. Sabin**
Oral Polio Vaccine
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Pediatric Hematology
- 1972 Waldo E. Nelson**
Editor and Educator
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Congenital Heart Disease
- 1970 Josef Warkany**
Teratology and Congenital
Malformations
- 1969 Allan M. Butler**
Healthcare, Delivery and Education
- 1968 Paul Gyorgy**
Vitamin B , Riboflavin and Nutrition
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Child Welfare - The Children's
Bureau
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Nutrition and Education
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Pediatric Radiology and Child
Abuse
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Metabolic Studies of the Newborn
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Pediatric Endocrinology
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Virology and Poliomyelitis
- 1961 Rustin McIntosh**
Academic Educator
- 1960 Bronson Crothers**
Child Neurology
- 1959 Daniel C. Darrow**
Salt and Water Metabolism
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Glucose Metabolism and Educator
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Neonatal Care and Prematurity
- 1956 Harold K. Faber**
Poliomyelitis and Pediatric History
- 1955 James. L. Gamble**
Water, Electrolyte and Acid Base
Balance
- 1954 Bela Schick**
Diphtheria
- 1953 Grover F. Powers**
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- 1952 Edwards A. Park**
Rickets

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