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AUPHA RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE BAXTER INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AND DELIVERY

WASHINGTON, DC – November 18, 2020 – The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) is pleased to announce that they have once again been awarded a grant by the Baxter International Foundation to administer The William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research for the years 2021 and 2022.

The Prize, which has been awarded since 1986, recognizes the contributions of health services researchers who have had a significant impact on the health of the public. In alignment with the Baxter International Foundation’s strategic pillars, the Prize moving forward will focus on increasing access to healthcare, specifically highlighting how the creation and adoption of health services research has significantly contributed improved and more accessible health service delivery worldwide. The Prize will recognize individuals who have focused their efforts on (a) eliminating barriers to the education and prevention of noncommunicable diseases; (b) the importance of proper nutrition in underserved communities; (c) removing barriers to accessing clean water; and/or (d) supporting innovative health solutions and technologies that increase access to quality care.

An independent committee of past winners, distinguished academics and internationally recognized researchers selects the recipient each year. This year’s recipient will be announced in early April. The Prize honors the late William B.

Graham, longtime chairman and CEO of Baxter International Inc., and is internationally regarded as the premier recognition for individuals conducting health services research. The Prize includes an award of \$26,000 to the recipient, \$26,000 to a non-profit institution that supports the winner's work, and \$26,000 to an institution in the locale where the Prize will be awarded. In 2021, the Prize will be presented at AUPHA's 2021 Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida. Past recipients include [William Hsiao, PhD \(2020\)](#), [Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD, \(2019\)](#) [Elizabeth H. Bradley, PhD, \(2018\)](#) and [David Blumenthal, MD \(2017\)](#).

"Increasing access to healthcare for the underserved is a longstanding priority for Baxter and the Baxter International Foundation, which is why we're proud to continue our support of the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research and its rejuvenated focus on tackling barriers to care," said Veronica Arroyave, executive director of the Baxter International Foundation. "In support of our mission to save and sustain lives, we're honored to keep the vision of William Graham, our former CEO and chairman, alive through this Prize."

"We are so appreciative to the Baxter International Foundation. 2021 will be the 35th Anniversary of the William B. Graham Prize in Health Services Research," said Dan Gentry, PhD, MHA, AUPHA's President and CEO. "Baxter's emphasis on access to healthcare for underserved communities allows us to recreate how the Prize money is awarded and how we will celebrate the Prize at our Annual Meeting. I want to recognize our AUPHA COO, Jaime Stephens, for her leadership on this initiative, and AUPHA's Graham Prize Committee for their valued input as we worked to recreate the award."

About the Prize Sponsors

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healthcare for the underserved, to develop the next generation of innovators who will lead the way in advancing healthcare and to create a long-lasting impact in communities globally. Baxter is proud to support initiatives and organizations that make a positive, lasting impact in these critical areas. For more information, please visit <https://www.baxter.com/our-story/corporate-responsibility>.

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