

# **Doug Earle, CFRE**

**President & CEO at Fighting Blindness Canada**

Toronto, ON, CA

Doug Earle has worked for Canada's leading health charities funding research & services for blindness, cancer, arthritis & mental health.

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## **Biography**

Doug is a motivating, tireless yet inspirational Fundraising & NGO Executive. He is a translator of science and organizational missions to engage the public to spark innovation that impacts lives. Experienced at inspiring philanthropists to donate \$1 billion+ to organizations helping those in need, fund medical research to change lives, and rejuvenate communities. With years of expertise in a wide range of leadership positions, Doug has rallied and strategically guided teams of community leaders, volunteers and staff in health care, higher education, public television, corporations and communities to achieve accelerated growth and expanded health promotion and support services. Doug was part of the community activism that led to Canada's Royal Commission of Inquiry on the Blood System in Canada. He served in the Ontario Premier's Office while Ontario went alone offering compensation for Hepatitis C. He was on the team that secured the largest private investment in mental health research through a \$100 million gift. Doug currently serves as President & CEO for Fighting Blindness Canada. He was the co-Project Lead for the Cost of Vision Loss and Blindness in Canada Report and its COVID-19 addendum released in 2021. He is an advocate for greater public investment in gene therapies, stem cells and pharmaceuticals to improve health outcomes of people living with blinding eye diseases, and public health programs to prevent blindness through regular eye examinations and vision screening like Diabetes Action Canada's Project OPEN which supports improved eye care for vulnerable populations.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Glaucoma, Ageing, Cataracts, Inherited Retinal Diseases, COVID-19's impact on vision loss

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## **Affiliations**

Association of Fundraising Professionals, Member: 1999 to current, PC Ontario Fund, Member of the Board of Directors: 1994 to 2015, Carassauga Festival of Cultures in Mississauga, Member of the Board of Directors: 2005 to 2006

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## **Education**

**Wilfrid Laurier University**

B.A. Honours Political Science

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B.A. Communications Studies

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## **Accomplishments**

**Guest Lecturer, Fundraising Management Graduate Certificate**  
2013 to present

**Certified Fund-Raising Executive (CFRE)**  
2006 to present

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