

Public Health Ontario – Vaccine Sciences Symposium Student Prize: Call for Abstracts

Public Health Ontario (PHO) will host the Vaccine Sciences Symposium (VSS) in Toronto on May 16, 2019.

This symposium will create a platform that will bring together students, practitioners, public health professionals, researchers and policy makers representing a range of backgrounds with the common interest in vaccine sciences. The diversity in participation is crucial to creating a dynamic space for the development of interdisciplinary thoughts and solutions.

We are calling for abstract submissions, for inclusion in our conference as oral presentations. The goal of the student session is to facilitate knowledge exchange and increase awareness of current research and practice related to immunization.

Eligibility:

- This opportunity is available to graduate or undergraduate students currently enrolled at a Canadian university or college

Requirements

- Submit a title and max 150 word abstract
- Include your name, the degree program you are registered in and your supervisor's name
- Abstract must be submitted by April 10, 2019.

Abstract Submission deadline	April 10, 2019
Notification of acceptance	April 19, 2019
Confirmation of attendance	April 24, 2019

Email the scanned package in PDF format to aire@oahpp.ca no later than 5 pm on April 10, 2019, indicating "VSS Student Prize: Call for Abstracts" in the subject line of your email.

Review process:

All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of public health professionals.

Oral Presentations:

If selected to present at the Vaccine Sciences Symposium your oral presentation will be in 3MT™ style, presentations should not exceed 5 slides and must be presented using Microsoft PowerPoint.

- Student presentations will happen in blocks of 3, each presentation will be 3 minutes long
- 10 minutes will be reserved for panel questions and answers after each block of student presentations

Judging Criteria:

All students who give an oral presentation are automatically entered into the Vaccine Sciences Symposium Student Presentation Competition, for which a prize will be awarded. Presentations are

judged by a panel of public health professionals. Presentations will be adjudicated based on the following elements:

- Objective/Research Questions/Hypotheses (i.e. is the objective or aim of the study/work stated clearly?)
- Importance/Rationale (i.e. is the value or contribution of the study/work clearly articulated?)
- Background – e.g. literature review, previous work, theoretical/conceptual framework (i.e. Is the context for the study/work clearly and adequately presented?)
- Methods and Analyses (completed or proposed) (i.e. Are the methods and analyses described and explanation/rationale provided?)
- Conclusion (i.e. is there a clear and logical end to the information presented? Are strengths and limitations adequately presented?)
- Overall Presentation (i.e. Does the presenter speak clearly with an appropriate pace and volume? Is the presenter well prepared and within the time limits? Are visual aids used effectively? Does the presenter respond well to questions?)

Prizes will be awarded for the best presentations.

Additional questions:

Please contact aire@oahpp.ca if you have any questions regarding this opportunity.