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The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) 5th Annual High School Science Awards: Eligibility and Submission Rules

Are you eligible?

If you are a student, in any year of study at a Canadian high school, then you are eligible to enter. You must have completed, or are completing, a science project in 2014/2015 that examines some aspect of human or animal behavior, thinking or feeling (psychology). For more information about psychological research, please visit www.cpa.ca/public/whatisapsychologist

What do you need to include in your submission?

1. A cover letter that includes the following:
 - Title of your science project
 - Student contact information, including your name, email address, phone number, name of your high school, name of your principal, and your grade
 - Parent/Guardian contact information, including name, email address and phone number
 - Description of any training you have had in research, particularly the proposed research, as well as a summary of any academic achievements or awards you have received (*if you do not have any prior research experience or have not received any academic awards please specify that as well*).
2. A scientific summary of your project. Using a maximum of 3 double-spaced pages, include a description of the following (including references and figures):
 - purpose and research question underlying your project
 - hypotheses that were tested
 - method used to answer your research question (including information on where research was conducted, recruitment strategy, study participants, materials and/or apparatus)
 - analyses conducted and the results obtained (*or expected if study ongoing at time of application*)
 - conclusions
 - impact/contribution of findings
3. Using a maximum of 2 double-spaced pages, include a summary of the following:
 - your role in the project, along with the role of any others, specifically as applies to each point in #2
 - your plans to share your research findings with others
 - whether your research has received approval by a Research Ethics Board (*if known*)

How do you make a submission?

Your submission should be submitted as a Word or PDF document and emailed to publicrelations@cpa.ca by 11:00 AM EST, Friday April 10th, 2015.

Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

When will the winners be announced?

Our panel of psychologists (members of CPA's Scientific Affairs Committee) will select 1 winner and up to 2 runners-up from the submitted applications. Selections will be made by Friday May 1st, 2015 and winners will be notified.

Winners and runner(s)-up will receive a cash prize, generously provided by Scotiabank.

Those selected will be invited to attend CPA's 76th Annual Convention from June 4-6, 2015 in Ottawa, Ontario. The winner and runner(s)-up will participate in a digital poster session to present their work.

The winner and runner(s)-up will also be given up to \$500.00 each by the CPA to support the costs of travel and accommodation to attend the convention.