



## Section for Students

### **BEST STUDENT POSTER AWARD (UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE)**

#### **1. Overview**

The purpose of Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) Student Section's Best Student Poster Award is to encourage high quality submissions to the Section for Students division for the annual conference of the CPA. This award will recognize the most outstanding poster submission at the both the undergraduate and graduate level as determined by the executive committee of the Section for Students.

#### **2. Award Details**

The Best Student Poster Awards will be presented in the form of a certificate from the CPA's Section for Students after the conference. The awards will be accompanied by a congratulatory letter and a monetary prize of **\$150** funded by the Section for Students. Two awards will be presented each year at the undergraduate and graduate level.

#### **3. Adjudication**

The Chair-Elect of the Section for Students will coordinate The Best Student Poster Award each year. Eligible poster submissions will be adjudicated by two executives of the CPA's Section for Students. The executives will rank all student posters submitted to the section and the poster with the best rank as determined by the average of the two executives will win. Conflicts of interest and ties will be resolved by having an additional executive member of the Section for Students or an executive from another division evaluate the poster.

The posters will be evaluated using the following criteria and weightings: Research relevance to student section (30%); quality of science (40%), and quality of the poster presentation (30%). See enclosed rubric for more details. Evaluators will inform students of the Best Student Poster Award, and make the students aware of the evaluation.

#### **4. Eligibility**

All students who meet the following **four** eligibility requirements will be automatically considered for the Best Student Poster Award:

- The student must be first author of the submission
- The student must be an affiliate at the time of submission and at the time of award
- The poster must be submitted to the Section for Students and not to another section
- The student is not an executive of the Section for Students

Note: Students may opt-out of being considered for the award

## CPA BEST STUDENT POSTER AWARD – EVALUATION RUBRIC

**Student Name:**

**Title:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Question Total</b>
Student Relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research is relevant to students [1]</li><li>• Research is of particular concern to psychology students [1]</li><li>• Research is of particular concern to psychology students involved in research [1]</li></ul>	/3
Quality of Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compelling introduction that incorporates theory [.5]</li><li>• Rigorous research design [1]</li><li>• Appropriate statistical analyses [1]</li><li>• Accurate and interesting conclusions [.5]</li><li>• Overall clarity (easy to follow and understand) [1]</li></ul>	/4
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student effectively discusses poster and answers questions [.5]</li><li>• Poster is visually appealing (e.g., effectively organized and use of colour) [1]</li><li>• Text is easily readable [.5]</li><li>• Visuals (if applicable) are used to facilitate complex results and methodology [.5]</li><li>• Poster captures all information in abstract [.5]</li></ul>	/3
<b>Overall Evaluation</b>		<b>/10</b>

**Comments (if applicable):**