

CPA Developmental Section Travel Awards

Aim: To support section members' travel to present their developmental work at CPA

Amount: \$250 per award (number awards to vary based on year-to-year availability of funds)

Deadlines and disbursement; TBA year-to-year

Eligibility:

- Current CPA Developmental Section Member
- Presenting developmental work at CPA
- Student (undergraduate or graduate) or postdoctoral researcher
 - Priority given to past research funding award winners presenting work directly supported by the section. (Please clearly note this in your application email.)
 - Priority given for out-of-province and/or longer-distance travel

Applications must include

- A link to 2-minute video presentation (e.g., youtube) about what you will be presenting at CPA.
 - The video should explain:
 - Your research question
 - What motivated the question?
 - Why is the question important?
 - What you did (method)
 - What you expected to find (hypothesis)
 - What you actually found (results - even preliminary)
 - Why the results matters (e.g., implications, applications)
 - The video may be a presentation with you as a presenter, a cartoon, a dynamic powerpoint, or anything else that fits the above criteria. Be as creative as you want!
 - Citations required to provide credit for works, images, or other materials.
 - The videos will be posted to the CPA Developmental Section website
- Your supervisor's approval of your application (e.g., supervisor's approval is stated in and supervisor is cc'd on the application email; REQUIRED)
- Evidence of travel costs (e.g., flight receipt) and travel distance (e.g., km from home institution) provided as an email attachment. (Do not include this in the video.)
- Confirmation of registration for CPA (e.g., email receipt) provided as an email attachment. (Do not include this in the video.)
- Approval for presentation of participant images / video / audio / &c. This may be via consent form, communication from the participant/parent, or confirmation from the research supervisor that this information has been retained but cannot be disseminated (e.g., ethical considerations). (Do not include this in the video)
- The statement "I agree to having this video made publicly available on the CPA Developmental Section website."

Evaluation criteria:

- Substantive considerations:
 - Sufficient background provided to motivate the research question (including citations).
 - Why the question matters is explained in a way that would allow a lay-person to want the research should be conducted.
 - The method is rigorous and allows the researcher to answer their research question.
 - The hypotheses follow from the background, answer the research question, and can be tested with the method.
 - The results answer the research question and inform the hypotheses. The results follow directly from the method.
 - Why the results matter is explained in a way that would result in a lay person appreciating the importance of the research.
 - Information is accurate.
- Presentation considerations
 - One of the critical components to communicating science is to share it with a broader audience, to reach out to the public to make them aware of the excellent developmental research taking place in Canada. This helps people who may not be well acquainted with the research understand why developmental science is so important. Consequently, presentations will be posted on the CPA Developmental Section website, to share with the public. For these reasons, the presentation should meet the following criteria:
 - Language is non-technical and could be understood by a high-school-educated audience. (The presentation must still be accurate.)
 - Presentation is engaging, entertaining, and educational.
 - Creativity - the presentation well pairs the information being presented with interesting graphics, audio, or other creative presentation tools. (The presenter need not be visible at any point within the video.)
 - NB: Any images of infants, children, or other participants must include approval from these persons. Approval forms/information must be sent along with the application email.
- Travel considerations
 - Applications missing evidence for travel, evidence for distance, citations, approvals for participant images, or supervisor approval will not be considered for the award.
 - CPA attendees who were awarded Developmental Section Research Awards that funded the to-be-presented work will be prioritized.
 - CPA attendees with greater travel distances/costs will be prioritized.