

**AFPC / COUNCIL FOR CONTINUING PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION  
PHARMACY STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER AWARD  
(three national awards available)**

**Sponsor:** Council for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education (CCPE)

**Purpose**

To stimulate and foster the development of research programs and research skills, in all areas of pharmacy, by undergraduate and graduate students of Faculties, Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy in Canada.

**Description of the Award**

1. Funding for three students from three Faculties, Colleges or Schools of Pharmacy in Canada to present a research poster at the annual meeting of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC).
2. Each recipient will receive:
  - a) A **travel grant of a maximum of \$1,500** for return economy-class airfare or train (at the most economical rates available) from recipient's residence to the site of the AFPC meeting, accommodation (maximum three nights) and travel related expenses. The cost of printing the poster can also be included in the expense claim.
  - b) A complimentary ticket to the AFPC awards banquet.
  - c) Complimentary registration for the AFPC annual conference.

**Selection Criteria**

1. Eligible candidates are undergraduate or graduate students conducting a research project in a Faculty, College or School of Pharmacy in Canada. A student conducting a project in a pharmacy related area whose primary supervisor is a pharmacy faculty member is also eligible.
2. Each Faculty, College or School of Pharmacy shall select and submit one nominee. The student must have had a significant role in the research and poster and be one of the top three authors. It is suggested that each Faculty, College and School hold an annual research poster competition to select its nominee. The poster presented from this local competition should be submitted for the AFPC competition.
3. To enable both undergraduate and graduate students to be winners of the three awards, if no undergraduate students' posters are ranked in the top three (of 10) through the peer review process, they will receive one of the awards if the poster is ranked in the top five.

**Application Procedures**

1. **This award competition is limited to one nominee per faculty. The deadline for submission of nominations to AFPC is March 1, 2024.**
2. Each faculty is to inform AFPC of the name of their nominee and instruct their nominee to complete the standardized award application form, provide electronic copies of their poster and poster abstract (using the template for abstracts for the AFPC annual conference – see below), and submit this information to

the AFPC Executive Director, Janet Cooper, at [jcooper-afpc@bell.net](mailto:jcooper-afpc@bell.net), and copied to the Executive Assistant ([admin@afpc.info](mailto:admin@afpc.info)).

3. The Executive Director shall forward the individual submissions to the Chair of the Awards Committee.
4. The AFPC Awards Committee will coordinate the review of all submissions by a panel of recognized experts who are AFPC faculty members.
5. The selection of the three best poster submissions shall be made no later than April 15, 2024.
6. The Awards Committee Chair will inform the AFPC Executive Director of the decision, who will then send notification to the successful candidates.
7. The award winners shall be recognized at the AFPC awards banquet held during the annual conference.
8. No individual shall receive the award more than once within a four-year time frame. However, past nominees who did not win the award may be selected by their faculty for submission in future years.

**The three best poster award recipients are expected to participate in the poster session of the AFPC annual conference and attend the awards banquet.** The recipients will automatically be included in the posters eligible for the AFPC Whit Matthews Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Awards.

### ***Poster Abstract Template:***

*When submitting your application for the Student Research Poster Award, your abstract should follow the template for poster abstracts for the AFPC annual conference. Please follow these instructions when writing the abstract to accompany your poster:*

1. ***There are two types of poster abstracts that can be submitted: Pharmacy Education Initiatives and Research.*** The Research category includes: 1) Teaching and Learning Research / Scholarship, 2) Pharmaceutical Science Research, or 3) Pharmacy Practice Research.
2. ***Pharmacy Education Initiative abstracts*** should include these 4 sections: 1) Background, 2) Goals, 3) Description, and 4) Effectiveness of the Initiative.
3. ***Research abstracts*** should include these 4 sections: 1) Purpose, 2) Methods, 3) Results, and 4) Conclusion.
4. ***Abstracts must not exceed 350 words*** excluding the title and author affiliations.
5. ***Formatting requirements:***
  - Abstracts must be written in Microsoft Word (.docx) format.
  - The preferred font size and typeface are 11-point Calibri. Use the Symbol font for symbols and Greek letters.
  - Abstracts should be typed single-spaced and left-justified.
  - The title of the abstract should be typed bold in Sentence case (not all capitals) and be left-justified.
  - The authors' names and addresses must appear in a new line, in upper and lower case, not indented. Author names must include full first name, middle initial, last name (in that order).
  - The name of the presenting author should be italicized and preferably in the first position.
  - The affiliation for all authors must be indicated on a separate line using number superscripts if authors are from more than a single affiliation.
  - One-line space should be left between the authors' affiliations and the beginning of the body of the abstract, with no indents. The main text of the abstract should be typed in upper and lower case.