The Canadian Association for Dental Research is excited to announce the establishment of the CADR-NCOHR National Student Research Group (NSRG). The CADR-NCOHR NSRG is a new initiative which will support the needs of student CADR members in becoming the next generation of oral health researchers in Canada. The CADR-NCOHR NSRG will be governed by an Executive body consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two Councilors-at-Large. Dr. Zeeshan Sheikh has been appointed as President of the CADR-NCOHR NSRG for the term of November 20, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

The CADR-NCOHR National Student Research Group (NSRG) invites nominations for the following positions for the 2020-2021 term:

- Vice-President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Councilors-at-Large (2)

The term of office for all positions shall be for one year (March 19, 2020 to March 18, 2021). Officers may serve more than one term.

More information about the CADR-NCOHR NSRG, the duties of the Officer positions, and the process for nominations and elections is provided below.

About the CADR-NCOHR National Student Research Group (NSRG)

The CADR-NCOHR NSRG will pursue three major goals. The NSRG will motivate students in the field of oral health research. The group will engage students across the country in activities that create a network of oral health researchers. Finally, the NSRG will facilitate communication by hosting seminar workshops between senior and established researchers and young researchers and students. This initiative will also facilitate leadership training for CADR student members and ensure an easy flow of knowledge between established researchers and the younger generation of researchers and clinician scientists in the making.

Duties of CADR-NCOHR NSRG Officers:

The following are the specific duties of each office:

President: It is the duty of the President to provide effective leadership in achieving the NSRG’s purposes, to preside over the annual NSRG business meeting, to serve as the NSRG’s official representative to the other organizations, to serve as a voting member of the CADR Executive, and to attend every officer meeting.
**Vice-President:** It is the duty of the Vice-President to serve in place of the President at the request or absence of the President, to assist the President in providing effective leadership for the NSRG organization, to perform any duties requested by the President, and to attend every officer meeting.

**Secretary-Treasurer:** It is the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep accurate and up-to-date notes of all proceedings at the annual NSRG business meeting, to provide clerical assistance to the President, and to attend every officer meeting.

**Councilors-at-Large:** It is the duty of the Councilors-at-Large to represent the membership, as a whole, in matters before the NSRG Executive, to assist the NSRG Executive in activities (e.g., participate in and chair committees) and to be responsible for organizing NSRG competitions, to serve in the place of the Vice-President or Secretary in the event that the office becomes vacant, and to attend every officer meeting.

**PROCESS FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Process for Nominations**
CADR student members are invited to submit nominations for Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Councilor-at-Large by **February 21, 2020**. Nominations can be submitted via e-mail to the CADR Operations Manager, Ms. Melissa O’Connor at mgrigg2@uwo.ca. The prospective nominees must be student members of CADR and NCOHR at the time of nomination, and must be enrolled at a Canadian dental school. Nominations shall contain the name of the nominee, contact information (including e-mail and phone number), and a max. 100-word statement describing his/her qualifications and reasons wanting to be nominated for the positions. Each nomination must be supported by **two** CADR student members. Sponsors may send in their support via e-mail to the CADR Operations Manager (mgrigg2@uwo.ca) by February 21, 2020.

**Elections Process**
Online voting for the NSRG Officer slate will take place from February 26, 2020 to March 4, 2020. Elections shall be made by secret ballot from the entire CADR student membership. Elected individuals will be installed during the CADR-NCOHR NSRG Student Meeting, taking place Thursday, March 19, 2020, during the IADR/AADR/CADR General Session in Washington, D.C. The Officers will begin their terms at the conclusion of the meeting and will serve through to the 2021 CADR-NCOHR NSRG Student Meeting to be held in March 2021 in Boston Mass.