



2025-26 CADR-NCOHR Student Research Awards and 2026 IADR Hatton Divisional Awards



Applications are solicited for the Canadian Association for Dental Research (CADR) and Network for Canadian Oral Health Research (NCOHR) Student Research Awards Competition in each of the categories listed below. These awards will be available for trainees to present their research at the 2026 IADR/AADOCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition to be held in San Diego, California, USA, March 25-28, 2026. Awardees may alternatively transfer the award to present their research at the 2026 Canadian Oral Health Summit (COHS) to be held in June 2026, upon request with a reason provided to CADR.

Award recipients will receive a Certificate of Achievement and CAD\$1,500. The award must be used towards the student's travel and/or conference expenses (such as registration fees). The mentor is expected to confirm that they will support any expenses over and above the amount of the award, if necessary.

Up to 20 awards will be given out. One of these awards will be designated for an Indigenous student. Applicants who self-identify as Indigenous must provide a status card or a letter of support from the Band Council.

Two of the most highly ranked applicants will receive the IADR Hatton Divisional Award and will represent Canada in the 2026 IADR Hatton Competition.

Rules of the Competition

Eligibility:

Students and postdoctoral fellows working in dental research (including research in oral health, oral biology and craniofacial sciences) in Canada are eligible to apply. To be considered, the student's research may not be published or presented at any major scientific meeting prior to the deadline for submission of IADR abstracts. Submissions must be based on original research. Review articles of all types are not eligible. Students who have previously won a CADR-NCOHR Student Research Award are not eligible to reapply in that same category during the same graduate program (e.g., M.Sc., Ph.D., post-doc). Unlimited number of applications can be submitted in each category from the lab of a supervisor; however, if more than one application is submitted, only one student per category from the same lab can receive an award. The supervisor must be a member of CADR. All award winners must become members of CADR and NCOHR at the time of submitting their abstracts.

Categories:

There are three categories in the CADR-NCOHR and Hatton Awards Competitions (Junior, Senior Basic Science Research and Senior Clinical/Pre-clinical Research). Applicants must indicate in which of these three categories they are eligible to compete at the time of submitting their applications.

Junior:

Currently enrolled in a D.D.S./D.M.D. (Bachelor's and/or dental degree) or B.D.H. (Bachelor of Dental Hygiene). This competition will be limited to those candidates who have carried out their research as part of undergraduate/professional training (research undertaken as an undergraduate science student, as a dental student or dental hygiene student, or at a time of pursuing an intercalated science degree while in training as a dental student).

Senior:

Entrants must be enrolled in a post-dental, post-graduate, or Ph.D. program or have performed the research submitted to the competition within three years of their earning the award of Ph.D. Entrants for this category would have carried out research as part of a higher degree, either a Master's, Ph.D., or M.D. with previous laboratory experience, or as part of specialty training, and post-doctoral training. The Senior Category is divided into two sections:

- Basic Science Research: Involving laboratory or animal research.
 - Clinical/Pre-clinical Research: Involving research on human subjects and/or epidemiologic studies.
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Application Procedure

Applicants must compile the documentation listed below into a single PDF document and submit the application package by email to Ms. Melissa O'Connor, CADR Operations Manager at mgrigg2@uwo.ca.

1. A completed application form (see attached).
2. A 5-page, double-spaced manuscript describing a research project that they did themselves (it is understood that the work was done under the supervision of a faculty member). Title page, references and figures are not included in the 5-page limit.
3. An abstract in the format used by IADR. On the abstract, the student must be listed as first author and presenter. Co-authors should also be listed on the abstract and on the title page of the manuscript.
4. A letter from the supervisor verifying the submission as the student's work, clarifying the contribution of any co-authors and agreeing to provide additional travel expenses.
5. A letter from the Dean's or Faculty/School Office attesting to the student's status. This letter will be used to confirm the student's category in the competition.
6. A status card or letter of support from the band council (*applicable for students self-identifying as Indigenous*).

Applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, September 2, 2025. No late entries will be accepted. All documentation must be included in a single PDF application file. Winners will be announced prior to the deadline for abstract submission to the San Diego meeting (October 2025).

Applications will be evaluated using the attached scoring rubric.

Questions: Please contact Dr. Noha Gomaa, CADR Vice-President at noha.gomaa@schulich.uwo.ca or Ms. Melissa O'Connor, CADR Operations Manager at mgrigg2@uwo.ca.

PROJECT TITLE: _____

THE APPLICANT:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
University: _____
Mailing address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Degree Program enrolled in: _____ Year in Program: _____

Applicant self-identifies as Indigenous

THE SUPERVISOR:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
University: _____
Mailing address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

CATEGORY APPLIED FOR (please check one):

- Junior
- Senior Basic Science Research
- Senior Clinical/Pre-clinical Research

CHECKLIST:

- 5-page double-spaced manuscript
- References, figures (not included in the 5-page manuscript)
- Abstract in IADR format
- Letter from Supervisor verifying the submission as the student's work
- Statement from Supervisor agreeing to provide additional travel expenses, if necessary
- Letter from Dean/School attesting the student's status in the program
- Status Card or Letter of Support from the Band Council (*applicable for students self-identifying as Indigenous*)

