

Maurice McGregor MOHSSR Student Paper Awards

Purpose and overview

Dr. Maurice McGregor is Professor Emeritus at McGill University. He was the founding President of the *Conseil d'évaluation des technologies de la santé of Québec*. He joined the Royal Victoria Hospital and McGill University in Montréal in 1957, where he has served as Head of Cardiology, Head of Medicine, Dean of Medicine, and Vice-Principal, Health Sciences. He has led efforts to improve health systems with the integration of evidence informed technologies and policies.

In honour of his significant legacy, we are inviting applications to the inaugural **Maurice McGregor MOHSSR Student Paper Awards**.

Submissions must address **health services research or health policy research** and be pertinent to the **Canada Health Act (CHA)** in particular (see below for specific criteria for undergraduate and graduate submissions, respectively).

This annual competition will support

- **One undergraduate award**, valued at \$500.
Papers presenting empirical research or research essays are admissible. Please refer to this [resource](#) for guidelines on how to write a compelling, well-documented research essay.
- **One graduate award**, valued at \$750. (NB: postdoctoral fellows are not eligible to apply for this award).
Submissions must consist of original empirical research.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate or graduate student at McGill – must be registered continuously from the date of competition until December 2019
- Students from any department are invited to apply
- Authorship: The student applying for the award must have played a lead role in the conduct of the piece submitted and contributed to all four criteria described in the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) [guidelines](#). We require a statement describing each author's contribution to the work according to these four criteria.
- The awards may be shared between student co-authors
- Submissions must arise from work conducted in the previous 18 months. Preference will be given to unpublished work (under review is acceptable)
- Recipients must attend the 3rd annual MOHSSR public lecture series in the fall of 2019 to receive their award

Format

- up to 3000 words (excluding references)
- may be written in either English or French

Some examples of admissible research papers include, but are not limited to:

- a literature review (preferably systematic or at least following a standardized, replicable method)
- an empirical data analysis project
- a research essay offering a critical analysis of the CHA and its application (undergraduate students only)

Please include in your entry (see templates at the end of this announcement):

1. First cover sheet: Title, author(s), student's contact information (name, email, phone, and address), department and program of enrolment, program coordinator and contact information. Authorship statement.
2. Second cover sheet: Title, Abstract (250 words max), Statement arguing for the relevance to the CHA (250 words max). The author's name should not appear on this, or any subsequent pages.
3. The submission (maximum 3000 words).
4. References (will not count towards the word limit)

Evaluation

Submissions will be judged based on:

1. The pertinence/relevance to the CHA (based on the cover statement)
2. The clarity of the argument and the compelling use of evidence

A panel appointed by MOHSSR's leadership will evaluate and choose the winning entries.

Deadline

The deadline for submission is **September 2, 2019**. The winners will be announced at the MOHSSR public lecture in the fall of 2019, where they will receive their award.

Submissions

Entries must be emailed as a single PDF to observatory.ihsp@mcgill.ca with the subject line "[Last name] - Student award submission" by 11:59 pm EDT on the deadline date.

Notice of publication

Abstracts of the winning entries will be published on the MOHSSR website.



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Acknowledgements

Winning entries will be expected to acknowledge the award in all related presentations or publications. “[The first author] received the Maurice McGregor MOHSSR Student Paper [undergraduate/graduate] award for a version of this [work, paper, review, etc.]”

Template for first cover sheet

Title:

Author(s):

Name of student(s) applying for the award:

Student number:

Email address:

Telephone number:

Department and program of enrolment:

Program coordinator name and contact information:

Authorship statement for each listed author:

Template for second cover sheet – DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON THIS PAGE

Title

Abstract (250 words max)

Statement about relevance to the CHA (250 words max)