



Exhibit Rules

COMPETITION DESCRIPTION

The Student Project Exhibit allows dental hygiene students or recent graduates the opportunity to submit as an individual or a team, a creative project that was implemented during the 2022–2024 academic period. Submitted work will be showcased during the CDHA conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on October 17 and 18, 2024. This is a judged competition and cash prizes will be awarded for the top two projects and a People’s Choice Award.

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Status

Each individual or team entrant must be a current CDHA Student member enrolled in an accredited Canadian dental hygiene program or be a current CDHA member who graduated from an accredited Canadian dental hygiene program on or after January 1, 2024.

1.2 Entry Size

Each entry shall consist of no more than four (4) students/graduates.

1.3 Number of submissions

One submission will be accepted per individual or team.

2. SUBJECT MATTER

2.1 Topics

Projects must fulfill CDHA’s mission to provide comprehensive and quality dental hygiene care to people living in Canada. Projects must be an activity, intervention, or educational session that was implemented during the 2022–2024 academic period and addresses the assessed needs of a targeted population.

2.2 Academic Honesty

All project exhibits presented must be the **original work** of the student(s) and must not infringe on any copyright or privacy legislations.

3. REQUIREMENTS

- Projects must be set up on Thursday, October 17, 2024, between 12:00 and 4:00 pm in the Exhibit Hall and displayed using a tri-fold poster board or laid out on the provided (2’ x 8’) wooden table.
- All tri-fold poster boards, visual aids, and other resources with or without a computer presentation must fit on the table. A projector, any additional visual aid resources, and electrical needs **will not** be provided.
- Entrant(s) are responsible for supplying all project material and removing their exhibit on Friday, October 18, 2024, between 2:30 and 4:00 pm. Any remaining items will be disposed of by CDHA staff.

- At least one individual per exhibit must be present during the judging period on Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 5:00-9:00 pm. Entrant(s) are expected to stay at their table and present their project to any judge or attendee.
- We strongly encourage all entrant(s) to leave their exhibit on display until the close of the exhibit hall on Friday, October 18 at 2:30 pm to garner as many votes as possible from conference attendees voting for the People’s Choice Award.
- All project exhibit entrants in attendance will have to register for the event and will be required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$25 plus applicable taxes. Fee includes access to the exhibit hall on Thursday, October 17, a beverage ticket, and appetizers. Entrants who have purchased a full conference student registration are exempt from this fee.

NOTE: *A limit of two (2) projects per school will be admissible. Should there be more than two (2) submissions, the school will be responsible for determining which two (2) projects will be entered into the competition by the application deadline. A maximum of 40 project exhibits will be showcased during the conference.*

4. TIMELINES

Important Dates	
June 30, 2024, 11:59 pm ET	Deadline for applications
July 15, 2024	Confirmation of acceptance to submitters
August 30, 2024	Deadline to submit your non-refundable registration fee
October 17, 2024	Student Project Exhibit set up and mandatory presence
October 17 & 18, 2024	Student Project Exhibit showcase

5. PRIZES

This is a judged competition. There will be a total of three (3) prizes. The panel of judges will select the top two (2) projects and the conference attendees will vote for the People’s Choice Award.

The cash prize breakdown is as follows:

- Top prize #1 - \$250
- Top prize #2 - \$150
- People’s Choice Award - \$100

6. JUDGING

There will be a minimum of three (3) pre-selected judges consisting of dental hygienists and/or event sponsors. The panel of judges will use a rubric to determine the top two (2) projects. The People’s Choice Award will be selected based on the most ballot votes received by conference attendees.

Projects will be evaluated on the following criteria:

6.1 **Relevance**

The project must be meaningful and fulfill CDHA's mission of providing comprehensive and quality dental hygiene care to people living in Canada. The project must reflect current contemporary dental hygiene practices. The activity, intervention or educational session must be based on targeted population's needs, be innovative and creative in nature.

6.2 **Representation, Project description, Statement of Purpose and Goals**

The project must be well defined and clearly communicated. Visual and written work must be composed in a manner conducive to conveying the goals, drivers, description of project rendered, and include outcomes, results, and the impact of the project.

6.3 **Evidence-informed Nature of Content**

The project must be supported by evidence and developed in a rigorous method.

6.4 **Visual Appeal/Originality**

The project must be thoughtfully considered, well written, visually appealing, engaging, and deliver a strong understanding of the subject matter. The project must not infringe any copyright or privacy legislation.

6.5 **Announcement of Prize Winners**

The official announcement of the top two (2) project winners will be made before the closing of the exhibit hall on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 9:00 pm and prizes will be awarded on site. The People's Choice Award will be determined at the close of the exhibit hall on October 18, 2024, and the winner(s) will be contacted via email during the week of October 21, 2024, to arrange delivery of the cash prize.

7. **CHAIRPERSON**

For any questions, contact [Sylvie Martel](#).