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# Student Writing Competition

## Literature Review Criteria

### Eligibility

Canadian dental hygiene diploma or baccalaureate students in year 2, 3 or 4 of their program or degree-completion students.

### General Criteria

The paper, in either English or French, must be written as a literature/narrative review rather than as a systematic review. It should be original, not considered for publication elsewhere, and appropriately referenced (Vancouver style). The literature/narrative review It may be written in fulfillment of a course assignment during the year or composed specifically for this competition. A maximum of three (3) authors per literature review paper is allowed. Students must present their literature/narrative review to their program director, who will endorse the school entry or entries to go forward and will complete the required nomination form(s).

### Topic of Literature Review

Applicants may write on a topic of their choice and must indicate under which category it falls in the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association's *Dental Hygiene Research Agenda*. For example, if the literature review explores current research on transgender persons and oral health, the relevant research agenda category might be "Access to Care and Unmet Needs." CDHA's *Dental Hygiene Research Agenda* is available online at [cdha.ca/researchagenda](https://cdha.ca/researchagenda).

### Title

Maximum of 12 words and must clearly describe the content of the paper. The author's name, program year, name of school, address for correspondence, and applicable research agenda category must appear on the title page.

### Format

Maximum 4,000 words, an abstract within 250 words, and up to 70 references. NOTE: systematic reviews are not eligible for consideration. Please consult the *CJDH Guidelines for Authors* at [cjdh.ca/authorguidelines](https://cjdh.ca/authorguidelines) for more information on how to structure your literature/narrative review.

### Judging Criteria

Originality, clarity (including grammar and spelling), organization, appropriate referencing, and contribution to the dental hygiene body of knowledge.

### Award Amount

The winner will receive a \$1,500 cash prize and a PHILIPS Sonicare power toothbrush.

The award-winning literature review will be published in the October 2026 issue of the *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene*.

### Submission Deadline

The literature review with accompanying nomination form must be submitted via email to: [scientificeditor@cdha.ca](mailto:scientificeditor@cdha.ca) no later than midnight on June 1, 2026.

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