

Award for Outstanding Paper in Community Health Sciences

Description

The Department of Community Health Sciences, in the Faculty of Medicine, and Manitoba Health, Government of Manitoba, have established an award to recognize excellence in medical students' scholarly activity in the field of population and public health sciences. The prizes will be awarded to students in the Community Health Sciences Clerkship who produce the best scholarly paper on public health and health policy.

Eligibility

The award will be offered annually for the first, second, and third ranked papers, respectively, to undergraduate students who:

- (1) are enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba and have completed a research paper in the Multiple Specialty Clerkship in Community Health Sciences (or equivalent);
- (2) are in good academic standing, as determined by the Office of the Associate Dean, Faculty of Medicine.

Selection Criteria

The paper will be reviewed according to content, critical review of the research literature, originality and, organization and style. In keeping with the requirements for the Multiple Specialty Rotation in Community Health Sciences, the focus of the paper should be more on the broad community context, health care system response to, and/or policy implications of the particular issue discussed, rather than on the clinical aspects of specific medical problems. Criteria are:

- The topic is well researched.
- Existing knowledge is critically evaluated in terms of its strengths and limitations.
- Appropriate conclusions are drawn that are based on existing knowledge.
- Public health, health policy and/or practice implications of the issue are discussed.

The paper should not exceed 15 double-spaced pages with a minimum of 25 mm margins and 12-point font. The reference style must follow the guidelines of the International Committee of Medical Journal editors.

Prize

Three prizes, one valued at \$300, one at \$250, and one at \$200, will be offered for the first, second, and third ranked papers. The award recipients may also be asked to present the papers at a Community Health Sciences colloquium.

Review Process

The selection committee will be chaired by the Community Health Sciences Undergraduate Clerkship Director and will include two other additional members, one of whom must be a representative of the Public Health Division of Manitoba Health.

Deadline for submissions

Papers must be received by the department no later than **October 15th** of each year.
Papers may be submitted by mail or email to the following address: Department of
Community Health Sciences, S113 - 750 Bannatyne Avenue, Attention: Gladys Stewart,
Undergraduate Coordinator (Tel): 789-3863 stewartg@cc.umanitoba.ca