

Competition call

7th Canadian Obesity Student Meeting 2020

Created in April 2012 by the Fond de Recherche du Quebec – Santé (FRQS), the **Research Network on CardioMetabolic health, Diabetes and Obesity** aims to promote research excellence, knowledge development and knowledge sharing in these areas to improve the quality of life of Quebecers

The network launches a call to Master and PhD students, Residents, Postdoctoral Fellows Young Researcher Regular Members to enter the contest – *7th Canadian Obesity Student Meeting 2020*, convention to be held **June 17-19, 2020 at York University, Toronto, Ontario** (*meeting information: <https://obesitycanada.ca/snp/cosm/>*). The five (5) selected candidates must make an oral or poster presentation (*determined by the organization of the congress*).

The congress describes itself as follows: *The COSM 2020 is the only national academic conference where research trainees and new professionals (a new professional is defined as within 5 years of graduating from highest degree) in the broad field of obesity can share their work and contribute to finding solutions for the prevention and management of obesity in Canada. The purpose of this initiative is to support the next generation of researchers and health professionals in disseminating their research and practice efforts. Specific objectives include:*

- *provide obesity students and new professionals a unique opportunity to translate their research results across disciplines and health research themes;*
- *facilitate interaction and collaboration between students and new professionals working in a variety of obesity areas and develop a sense of community amongst the next generation of obesity researchers; and*
- *provide networking opportunities and expose trainees to obesity research employment opportunities that exist in various sectors (private and public, non-profit, and academia).*

The conference will bring together hundreds of students and new professionals and obesity stakeholders representing academia, industry, government and non-profit organizations.

Obesity Canada is offering free registration to the 5 winners, as well as a \$500 travel grant to reimburse participants for transportation/accommodations fees. All other costs shall be covered by the participant and/or its director.

The CMDO Network is a partner of [Obesity Canada](#). Obesity Canada Core Values - Respect: We believe that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. To this end, Obesity Canada works toward reducing weight bias and stigma through research, education and action. Evidence-Based Action: Obesity Canada aims to facilitate knowledge exchange regarding obesity prevention, treatment and policy.

*The deadline for submitting applications is **January 27, 2020**.*

The eligibility criteria and the method of evaluation are described below. Applications submitted late, incomplete or which do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be evaluated. Selected applicants will be contacted **no later than February 2020**.

Eligibility criteria:

- 1) Be a Master student, PhD student, Resident or Postdoctoral Fellow whose research director is a **regular member** of the CMDO Network before applying to this competition **Young Researcher Regular CMDO members** are also eligible for this competition (*a young researcher is defined as being within 5 years of graduating from his highest degree*).
- 2) Have a research project related to cardiometabolic health, diabetes and/or obesity.
- 3) Excellence and implication: Depending on the CV provided (FRQS CV with detailed contribution section)
- 4) For Students/Trainees - Demonstrate a motivation to pursue a research career in one of the Network's theme areas: Cardiometabolic Health, Diabetes and Obesity.
- 5) Selected participants will be required to submit a scientific abstract at this conference which will take place from 17 to 19 June 2020 at York University, Toronto, Ontario (deadline for abstract submissions: March 23, 2020)
- 6) Please note that you can win this competition only once.

Material required when submitting an application:

- 1) Competition application form – *COSM 2020* completed online (see below). For Students - This document includes the research director's letter of support (*this letter can be included in the form directly or conveyed (in PDF format) by email at concours@rrcmdo.ca*).
- 2) *Curriculum vitae* FRQS version (*with detailed contributions section*) of the candidate. Convey this document directly to concours@rrcmdo.ca.

Application Assessment Process:

The executive committee of the network will evaluate all applications submitted. Contest results will be announced **by February 2020**.

Any request for additional information can be sent to the FRQS CardioMetabolic, Diabetes and Obesity (CMDO) Health Research Network, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Sherbrooke University, Endocrinology Department, CRCHUS, Tel: 819- 346-1110 ext. 12703, email: info@rrcmdo.ca.

Description of the electronic form

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THE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE, CLICK HERE

1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Main theme of the candidate's research project (one choice only):

Secondary theme(s) of the candidate's research project (several choices possible):

Which axis(s) of research among these are affected by this request for funds:

Name of candidate: Ex. BERGERON, Lucien Junior
max. 100 characters, spaces included.

Affiliation: Ex. Faculty of Medicine and Health, Sherbrooke University, Sherbrooke.
max. 250 characters, spaces included.

Level of Education/ Status: *Choose between Master's, Doctorate, Resident, Postdoctoral or Regular Member*

Current study program (if applicable): *e.g., Cell Biology Program. max. 120 characters, spaces included.*

Email: *max. 100 characters, spaces included.*

Name of Research Director(s) (if applicable): *e.g., CARPENTIER, André and RICHARD, Denis.*
max. 400 characters, spaces included

2. SCIENTIFIC SUMMARY OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT:

The participant must provide a summary of his research project (same format as an abstract in a congress).
The summaries are in ENGLISH only (reference site: <https://easychair.org/cfp/COSM2020>)
max. 250 words: The title, the authors and the affiliation do not count in the number of words.

3. MOTIVATION:

The participant must provide a description of the reasons which motivate him to participate in this congress, in connection with his career plans (justification of the relevance of your participation (visibility, knowledge transfer, etc.)). *max. 4000 characters, spaces included*

4. LETTER OF SUPPORT - RESEARCH DIRECTOR:

For Regular CMDO Members, indicate n/a.

The research director must provide a letter of support for your participation in this COSM 2020 conference (and mention financial support to cover the costs not reimbursed by the CMDO (e.g., registration)). *This letter can be integrated into the form directly or communicated (in PDF format) by email at concours@rrcmdo.ca. If so, please indicate it in the text box.*

max. 4000 characters, spaces included.

5. CURRICULUM VITAE:

Provide an FRQS version CV (including the Detailed Contributions section) by email to concours@rrcmdo.ca.