



CDTRP 2026 Scientific Meeting Abstract Instructions

The CDTRP 2026 Scientific Meeting will take place December 1-2, 2026, at the Edmonton Convention Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, with hybrid participation options available. The CDTRP Scientific Meeting brings together researchers, clinicians, trainees, Patient, Family and Donor partners (PFDs), community members, and various stakeholders from across Canada and beyond. We are now accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All abstracts must be submitted online through this link:
https://cdtrp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0kWnmJn5PO3Jiey
- The person who submits the abstract will be considered the primary author and the presenter.
- Submissions from trainees, must include supervisor's name and supervisor's email address. Travel awards are available to support trainee participation, see travel award section below for more details.
- You will be asked to attach a Word document of the abstract; the format of the abstract must include:
 - Max 300 words (excluding the title and co-authors)
 - Calibri size 12 font
 - Structure of the abstract
 - Title
 - Authors with the presenter in bold
 - Author affiliations
 - Background
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion
- All abstracts will be peer reviewed and may be accepted for either an oral or a poster presentation.
- Poster presentations are only available in person.
- Abstracts other than trainee travel awards are not eligible for travel support
- **All presenters are expected to cover their own travel and lodging and pay the registration fees.**





The Canadian **Donation and Transplantation** Research Program

Programme de recherche en **don et transplantation** du Canada

KEY DATES

Abstracts Open: March 31, 2026

Abstract Deadline: May 15, 2026

Notification Date: Summer 2026

Trainee Travel Awards 2026

OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

The CDTRP Education and Career Development Platform, with funding from the Canadian Institute of Health Research, is pleased to support trainee participation at the CDTRP Scientific Meeting.

Through the CDTRP Education and Career Development Platform abstract competition, the five highest-ranked trainee abstracts will each receive a \$1,250 trainee travel award and the opportunity to present their work orally. In addition, five poster presenters will be recognized on-site with \$250 poster presentation awards.

In addition, the CDTRP is offering up to \$ 5,400 to support trainee travel and registration costs, committed through its Research Services Platform to successful CDTRP researchers' grant applications. We are proud to offer support to up to 11 trainees through this program. For Research Services Platform travel awards, the principal investigator (PI) will be contacted to confirm their trainee's eligibility at the time the abstract submission opens. Trainees who are uncertain about their eligibility for this award may contact Amal Trigui, CDTRP Program Manager, Research Services, at atrigui@cdtrp.ca to confirm eligibility.

An additional \$4,000 contribution from the Université de Montréal will support trainees attending the CDTRP meeting and the associated Commercialization Workshop. Eligibility requires a trainee to be registered at the Université de Montréal within a program of study or research field associated with organ donation and/or transplantation.

Where applicable, some trainees may be eligible for support from more than one funding source. Details on the compatibility of awards will be provided during the competition process.

Additional funding partners may be confirmed as planning progresses. Any updates to available awards or eligibility criteria will be reflected in the competition guidelines and posted on the CDTRP website.





The CDTRP Education and Career Development Platform will develop the competition guidelines, receive and process abstracts, and coordinate the peer review and ranking process in collaboration with the CDTRP Scientific Meeting Committee.

ELIGIBILITY AND RELEVANCE

Abstracts will be deemed eligible and relevant based on the following:

The Trainee must:

- Be an undergraduate, graduate student, medical student, post-doctoral researcher or clinical fellow.
- Must be a participating CDTRP [Education and Career Development Platform](#) member or register to the platform to receive an award.

The Abstract must:

- Address CDTRP's mission, which is to drive advances in Canadian donation and transplantation research and mobilize knowledge so that every wish to donate is fulfilled and transplantation is transformed from a treatment to a lasting and sustainable cure.
- Align with at least one of the [5 Themes of the CDTRP](#).
- Respect the abstract submission guidelines

CONDITIONS OF THE CDTRP TRAINEE TRAVEL AWARDS

- Funds will be administered by e-transfer following the event, upon confirmation of in-person attendance and presentation. As the award is taxable, recipients will receive a T4A slip for amounts exceeding \$500.
- Recipients may be required to attend both the CDTRP Scientific Meeting and the associated workshop. This requirement will be confirmed in advance of award acceptance

REVIEW PROCESS

All abstracts will first be reviewed by the CDTRP management team to ensure eligibility and relevance to the terms of the competition. Applications deemed either not eligible or not relevant to the competition will be removed from the competition and will not be evaluated by the Peer Review Committee. If a member of the CDTRP Peer Review





committee is involved in the project or is deemed in conflict, he or she will recuse themselves from the decision-making process.

A peer review committee, which will include CDTRP Education and Career Development platform co-leads and members of the Scientific Meeting planning committee, will evaluate all relevant abstracts based on the following criteria:

| ABSTRACT EVALUATION |
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| <p>Objectives/Outcomes 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the abstract address the significance of the project/research within the context of Donation and Transplantation?• Are the objectives/outcomes of the presentation clearly defined and measurable?• Does the content align with these objectives/outcomes? |
| <p>Clarity of the Abstract 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the abstract concise and to the point, and does it depict a whole picture?• Are the aims, methods, results, and conclusions presented?• Does the abstract clearly outline what the presentation would cover? |
| <p>Innovation and Novelty 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the abstract introduce new ideas, methodologies, or findings that are of interest and relevance to the fields of Donation or Transplantation?• Is the project/research original, and does it contribute new knowledge or perspectives?• How well does the project/research contribute to advancing the goals of the selected theme? |
| <p>Potential Impact 25%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the abstract indicate a potential for a significant impact on Donation and Transplantation?• Are the implications of the research or project meaningful and relevant? |

