



## The 2026 Palliative Medicine Resident Research Award

### Deadline for Submission: June 14, 2026

This award is for the best scholarly project by a resident enrolled in a palliative medicine residency program in Canada (CFPC Enhanced Skills in Palliative Care/“PGY3”; or Royal College Subspecialty Program in Palliative Medicine).

The award has a monetary value of \$1,000 and includes a plaque.

**The top three abstracts will be selected by a committee and the students will have an opportunity to present their projects virtually on September 17, 2026.** CSPM members will be invited to view the presentations and to help select the winner.

The three students who are chosen to give virtual presentations will give a 10-minute presentation with 5 minutes for questions and answers. The winner will be selected based on content and presentation of the project voted on by CSPM members who will be invited to attend the presentations and vote for the winner via an online voting process. The winner will be announced immediately after voting is complete.

All three presenters will receive one year of free membership in the CSPM and complimentary conference registration for the following year’s ALPM, if they choose to attend.

#### Criteria for award

The resident must be enrolled in a one-year Enhanced Skills in Palliative Care residency program or in a 2-year Subspecialty in Palliative Medicine residency program at an accredited Canadian university. The resident is eligible for the award if the period of postgraduate study includes at least 6 months of the academic year July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026. Residents must be a member of the CSPM (\$51.50 annual fee: apply at [CSPM memberships](#)).

#### Submissions

Applicants should submit an abstract of the scholarly project including rationale, method and outcomes, using the [online submission system](#)

- 500 words maximum, excluding title and references
- The abstract should be in English or French, but winners will be required to present in English at the conference.
- The body of the abstract must be anonymized and be free of bias or ethical concerns. **Failure to anonymize your abstract will result in automatic disqualification (i.e., do not mention the names of cities, hospitals, institutions, programs, etc.)**

The abstract should be submitted via our [online submission system](#). The system will confirm receipt of your submission.



## **Judging**

Each abstract will be judged by three reviewers selected by the Resident Award Lead and approved by the CSPM President. The Resident Award Lead is a recognized name in research who may also have Program Director experience. He or she is chosen by the Post Grad Committee Chair and the CSPM President. Residency Directors are not eligible to be judges.

Evaluation will be based on:

- Innovation
- Scholarship (e.g., evidence-based, use of theoretical framework/principles)
- Relevance to palliative care
- Contribution of the work to the field
- The resident's ability to transmit that knowledge in the abstract (writing style)

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