

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



## STUDENT AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

### Award Opportunities

The IAFMHS Student Travel Award is offering 4 financial awards to help with the cost of travel for students attending the IAFMHS annual conference from abroad. There will be two presentation awards to acknowledge the research and presentation work of first-author student presenters at the conference. There will also be two travel awards to increase attendance from students in under-represented countries and/or institutions due to financial need.

### 4 Award Categories

1. Top student oral presentation (\$1000 CAD)
2. Top student poster presentation (\$500 CAD)
3. First travel award (\$1000 CAD)
4. Second travel award (\$500 CAD)

### Eligibility

- ✘ All applicants must be full-time (under)graduate students without full-time employment.
- ✘ You must be a student member of IAFMHS at the time you apply for one of our awards.
- ✘ You must physically attend the conference to be able to apply for the award.

### Submission Guidelines for the Student Presentation Awards

Candidates must submit a 100 word abstract and 500 word summary using [the IAFMHS Paper/Poster Presentation Submission form](#) by February 28, 11:59pm GMT.

### Submission Guidelines for the Student Travel Awards

Candidates must submit a 100 word abstract and 500 word summary using [the IAFMHS Student Travel Award Submission form](#) by February 28, 11:59pm GMT.

### Evaluation Criteria

Award decisions will be made on the basis of eligibility and a specific set of evaluation criteria (see following pages). All student proposals will be evaluated by the current student board members, based on a blind review process. For the presentation award only, the top 4 submissions in each category will be evaluated at the conference by the current student board representatives.

### Notification

Travel award recipients will be notified by mid-March. Presentation award winners will be contacted via email to arrange for payment of the award. All awards will be given to recipients after the conference.

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STUDENT SECTION



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## STUDENT AWARDS: ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

### Student Travel Awards

#### Eligibility

Travel award applicants are NOT required to present (i.e., poster or paper) at IAFMHS. If you are applying for a travel award, you must:

- ✘ Fill out the 'Financial Need Questionnaire' section of the Submission form. Your response to the final question of the questionnaire should not exceed 500 words, and should address the evaluation criteria outlined below.
- ✘ Agree to submit a 1000-word essay subsequent to conference attendance discussing your experience, expectations and impact of the award. Use the example essay on our website as an inspiration for your reflections.

Category	Evaluation Criteria
Demonstrated financial need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✘ Other funding opportunities do not provide sufficient funds to cover the amount required to attend the conference</li></ul>
Representation from the application's institution and country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✘ Number of conference attendees at this, and past IAFMHS conferences.</li><li>✘ Potential for the applicant's attendance to help grow IAFMHS presence at the home institution or country of the applicant.</li></ul>
Benefits to the student, the organization, and/or forensic mental health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✘ Contribution to the student's personal development.</li><li>✘ Contribution to the conference by having the student attend.</li><li>✘ Contribution to the organization and advancement of research and/or services in forensic mental health.</li><li>✘ Permits students who are faced with barriers to doing research to attend the conference to promote potential collaborations.</li></ul>

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## STUDENT AWARDS: ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

### Student Presentation Awards

#### Eligibility

You must be first author on a poster or presentation at the conference. You must submit your abstract and a 500 word summary of your presentation. Your summary should include the following categories:

- × Background
- × Aims / objectives
- × Method
- × Results
- × Conclusions

Category	Evaluation Criteria
Background and aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>× Relevance, clarity, and flow of background</li><li>× Clarity of research questions / hypotheses</li></ul>
Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>× Clarity of methodology</li><li>× Appropriateness of methodology</li><li>× Includes participants, procedures, measures, and statistical analyses</li></ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>× Clarity of results</li><li>× Thoroughness of results</li><li>× Statistical soundness</li></ul>
Conclusion / Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>× Clarity of conclusions</li><li>× Appropriateness of conclusions given the results</li><li>× Relevance to the real world</li><li>× Implications for forensic mental health settings</li></ul>
General Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>× Innovation of research</li><li>× Innovation / effectiveness of visual presentation</li><li>× Contribution to scientific advancement</li><li>× Potential for practical utility</li><li>× Poster presenter's oral presentation will have significant weight as well</li></ul>