Call for Submissions:

THE FOUNDATION for the Royal College of Chiropractic Sports Sciences (Canada) – Annual Outstanding Paper Awards

ANNOUNCEMENT:

THE FOUNDATION for the Royal College of Chiropractic Sports Sciences (Canada) (herein referred to as the **"FOUNDATION"**) is proud to announce a call for submissions for their Annual Outstanding Paper Awards. These Awards are open to all members (Fellows, Residents and General Members) of the RCCSS(C) and are meant to recognize and assist with knowledge transfer of a published work judged to have an excellent contribution to sports-focused research.

OVERVIEW:

AWARDS ALLOCATION	1 x First Prize Award at $500 1 x Second Prize Award at $300 1 x Third Prize Award at $200
APPLICATION DEADLINE	**August 1st (11:59pm ET)** on a yearly basis
HOW TO APPLY	See below for submission guidelines. Email submissions to: **F.RCCSSC.Research@gmail.com**
FOR MORE INFORMATION	Contact: **F.RCCSSC.Research@gmail.com**

Decisions on these Awards will be made by October 1st yearly, and applicants will be notified via email of the result of their submissions. Presentation of these Awards will occur yearly at the RCCSS(C) Annual General Meeting in November.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Qualified submissions include an original research project, systematic review, or scoping review that has been published in a peer-reviewed journal **within the preceding 5 years of the Application deadline (i.e., on or after August 1st 2020 for the 2025 Awards)**. Papers that are published "in press" will qualify for submission
- **Submissions must include**:
    1. A completed Outstanding Paper Award Application Form (here)
    2. Proof of publication in a peer reviewed journal (either notification from a journal OR submission of the published or "in press" article). This information can include authorship information as it will only be used by the Peer Review Chair and will NOT be forwarded to the reviewers
    3. An electronic copy of the published work in a word processor format – for the purposes of blinding the submission for the review process

REVIEW PROCESS:

- The FOUNDATION will assign an individual, who is judged by the FOUNDATION to have no conflict of interest pertaining to the Awards, to oversee the blinded peer review process. (i.e., the individual has not directly or indirectly applied for and is not directly supervising a student/resident applying for the Award for the current Award cycle)
- All submissions will undergo a double blinded peer review and will be reviewed by a selection committee that will consist of a minimum of 3 reviewers
    - Submissions will be removed of any identifying information
    - Applicants will be blinded to the reviewers
- Peer reviewers will not include anyone who has directly or indirectly applied for this Award for the current Award cycle, and any individuals who are seeking Awards for the current Award cycle will be removed entirely from participating in the review process
- A total summative score using a standardized scoring rubric will be used by reviewers to determine who will win the Awards

STIPULATIONS OF THE OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARDS:

- To obtain the awarded funds, the recipient must complete the knowledge transfer tasks outlined below:
    1. Create an e-presentation (max. 7 min) to be used by the RCCSS(C) and Foundation of the RCCSS(C) websites and social media
    2. Create an infographic to be used by the RCCSS(C) website and Foundation of the RCCSS(C) websites and social media
- Funds are forwarded to the applicant only after the completion of the knowledge transfer tasks outlined above, and award winners will have two (2) years from the award presentation date to complete the knowledge transfer tasks in order to receive the allotted funds

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