



CSM Knowles Postdoctoral Research Prize

One award valued at \$500 will be presented at the annual conference of the Canadian Society of Microbiologists for best oral presentation in the Postdoctoral Research Symposium.

Purpose: To recognize excellence in scientific research and communication from CSM postdoctoral research fellows.

Process: Oral presentation abstracts submitted by CSM postdoc members will be considered for the symposium. Two abstracts from each CSM section will be selected by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the respective sections prior to selecting talks for the section symposia and also prior to the selection of abstracts for all regular sessions. The three judges for the symposium will be one Chair or Vice-Chair from each of AEM, II, and MGCM sections. If any section has insufficient high quality abstracts for the symposium, the top abstract(s) from other section(s) will be selected to ensure that six talks are included. Symposium talks will be 12 minutes, with 3 minutes for questions, allowing 6 talks within 1.5 hours. If possible, Knowles' lab alumni will serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the symposium. The CSM postdoctoral representative will coordinate all Postdoctoral Research Symposium logistics, except that handling of judges' scores and final decision will be arranged directly between the judges and CSM Secretariat in the event that the postdoc rep is also a participant in the symposium (to avoid the potential for a conflict of interest).

Conditions: To be considered for the Postdoctoral Research Symposium, abstracts must be submitted by CSM members who are employed as postdoctoral research fellows (or an institutional equivalent - e.g., "research associate") *at the time of abstract submission*. The research presented must be from postdoctoral research investigations only and should not include doctoral research results. The invitation extended to the selected presenter includes the presentation opportunity only. Travel-associated costs will not be covered by the CSM.