



**Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research  
Research Showcase 2026  
Abstract Submission Guide**

The Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research (CFDR) is hosting virtual Research Showcases during the Dietitians of Canada (DC) Nutrition month on:

- March 4, 2026 (1-4 PM EST)
- March 11, 2026 (1-4 PM EST)

**Key dates and links**

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| • Abstract submission portal opens    | October 1, 2025                   |
| • Abstract submission portal closes   | November 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST |
| • Notification of abstract acceptance | January 30, 2026                  |
| • Presentations & posters due         | February 25, 2026                 |

**Research Showcase Abstract Submission** [LINK](#)

**The CFDR Research Showcase provides a unique opportunity for authors to present their research as either a 10-minute oral presentation (invited) or an ePoster.**

**Format**

- Each Research Showcase will feature a 30–45-minute keynote presentation by a CFDR-funded researcher
- The keynote presentation will be followed by oral presentations (10 minutes + 5 minutes for questions) of selected abstracts
- ePosters from accepted abstracts will be displayed on the Research Showcase platform during the Research Showcases.
- Abstracts may be in English or French
- **All oral presentations will be in English; posters can be in English or French**

**Benefits**

- The CFDR Research Showcase provides an excellent opportunity for dietitians and students/trainees to showcase their work to an audience of peers from across Canada.
- Abstracts selected for a 10-minute oral presentation:
  - will be presented during one of the Research Showcases
  - will be posted on the CFDR website
  - will be published in the Fall 2026 edition of the Canadian Journal of Dietetic Practice and Research (CJDPR) (Author must present at the Research Showcase)
- Abstracts selected for an ePoster:



- will be displayed during the Research Showcases
- will be posted on the CFDR website
- will be published in the Fall 2026 edition of CJDPR (Author must prepare an ePoster for the Research Showcase)

**Notes:** CFDR will decide which abstracts will be assigned to oral presentations or ePosters based on the recommendations of the Abstract Review Committee. Details on dates and timing for presentations/ePosters will follow once final programming decisions have been made.

**All decisions of CFDR are final.**

### Eligibility

- Only **ONE** abstract may be submitted per Presenting Author.
- Presenting Authors may be co-authors on other abstracts.
- Abstracts must represent original research.
- Abstracts must not have been presented and/or published previously in association with a scientific or professional conference or journal.
- In the case of a large and/or multi-faceted project, it is acceptable to submit a new abstract to report on previously unreported aspects of the project.

### PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION BELOW PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

#### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

##### Research Showcase Abstract Submission

- Abstract submission portal opens on October 3, 2025
- Abstract submission portal closes on November 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST
  - You will receive notification when your abstract has been submitted, and the fee paid
  - Your co-authors will receive notification after November 14, 2025
  - You will receive a link that will allow you to revise your abstract until November 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST

**There is a \$45 NON-REFUNDABLE submission fee for ALL abstracts.**

- You will be required to pay the fee when you submit your abstract
- “CFDR Registration” will appear on your credit card statement
- **The abstract submission fee includes registration for the Research Showcase (both days)**
- Payment of the abstract submission fee does not guarantee acceptance of abstract



## ABSTRACT CRITERIA

- The abstract **MUST** be a structured abstract and **MUST** include results from **COMPLETED** research
- Abstracts may be submitted in English or French
- All abstracts will be peer-reviewed (blinded review)
- Reviewers will consider elements (e.g., objectives, methods, results, conclusions, significance, and writing quality)
- The Abstract Review Committee reserves the right to decline any submitted abstract

The format of a structured abstract can be viewed at the following link:

[https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/policy/structured\\_abstracts.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/policy/structured_abstracts.html)

## ABSTRACT WRITING GUIDE AND FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS

You will be asked to complete the following fields.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Contact Details (of First Author)

- First name, last name, organization, city, province, email address

## ABSTRACT DETAILS

### Abstract Title

- Please enter the title of your abstract
- Please use sentence case
- The first letter after a colon, proper names, and acronyms, may be either in sentence case or in uppercase

### Format Example:

Evaluation of tools: Participant satisfaction in Toronto using the Dining Assessment Protocol (DEP)

### List ALL Authors (including abstract submitter)

- First name, last name, organization, city, province, email address
- Co-authors will receive notification of abstract submission after November 14, 2025

### Abstract

- There is a 2200-character limit (including spaces)
- The abstract is text only



- Tables are not allowed
- Do not insert extra carriage returns between paragraphs
- **Do not include the abstract title, names of authors, or research support in the body of the abstract**
- Abstracts must contain the following **6** sections:
  - **Introduction**
  - **Objectives**
  - **Methods**
  - **Results** (This must be a summary of results to support the conclusions)
  - **Conclusions** (It is not satisfactory to say "the results will be discussed")
  - **Significance** (to the field of dietetics)

Reviewers base their decisions solely on the written information submitted. Chances of having an abstract accepted are increased by the submission of a clearly written, precise, informative abstract. If accepted, your abstract becomes the permanent published record of your work.

Consider the following when writing the abstract:

- Does the abstract describe a research study that would be of interest to a wide variety of DC members?
- Is the study or project advancing research and practice by describing new findings?
- Is it evident that your project has been completed?

Reviewers also base their decisions on the scientific merit, relevance to dietetics/nutrition, validity of results, and summary of results to support the conclusions and original research.

***Abstracts will NOT be returned for revisions.***

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

### **Presentation Style Preference**

- Oral
- ePoster
- No preference

***CFDR will make the final decision about the presentation format***

### **Presentation Date Preference**

- March 4, 2026
- March 11, 2026
- No preference



### Funding

- Enter the name of the source of funding: **XXXXX or None**

### Original Work

- Abstracts must not have been submitted, accepted for presentation, presented, accepted for publication, or published previously in association with a scientific or professional conference or journal.
- Does this abstract represent original work that has not been published, submitted or accepted for publication elsewhere?

You will be asked to confirm the following statement.

- **I confirm that the abstract represents original work**

### Co-Authors' Review and Notification

You will be asked to confirm the following statement:

- **I confirm that all Authors have reviewed this abstract and have consented to this submission.**

### Transfer of Copyright

- This field requires acknowledgement of transfer of copyright.
- All accepted abstracts will be posted to the CFDR website. Abstracts **presented** at the Research Showcase will be published in the on-line version of CJDPR
- The publisher of CJDPR, Dietitians of Canada (DC), owns the copyright for all materials included in the publication.
- All authors are required to assign copyright of their published materials to DC and CFDR. By assigning copyright you are providing DC and CFDR with the right to publish your works in the DC's Journal and anywhere else we might choose to publish, including in electronic databases that have access to DC's online Journal and the CFDR website.
- Assigning copyright to DC and CFDR does not mean you cannot submit a full manuscript with similar content elsewhere.

You will be asked to confirm the following statement:

- **I confirm that all authors of this abstract hereby transfer all copyright ownership to the Canadian Foundation of Dietetic Research [CFDR] and to Dietitians of Canada [DC]**

Questions?? [info@cfdr.ca](mailto:info@cfdr.ca)