

MMSA Innovator Official Contest Rules (2019-2020)

Contest Rules:

1. To be eligible, you must be a registered undergraduate medical student in the Max Rady College of Medicine in good standing and a member of the Manitoba Medical Students' Association.
2. You may work as an individual or in a team with up to 4 people. Collaboration is encouraged, but there will not be any advantage or disadvantage given to individuals or teams.
3. Part 1:
 - a. You will have 2 pages to introduce a health-related problem, design an approach to study the problem or an intervention, present a testable hypothesis, estimate the time and cost of the study and explain the impact it will have on the health system. You will be evaluated on your presentation of the problem using the literature, the relevance of your proposed study to the healthcare system, methodology (including feasibility and appropriateness), hypothesis and measurable outcomes.
 - b. Pages should be single spaced with standard margins in a legible font with 11 or greater sized-font and standard margins. It should be well organized. You may choose to use figures but will not have additional space. References can be put on an additional page.
 - c. Project ideas should be submitted to the contest drop box (to be indicated on mmsa.online) by the deadline November 30, 2019.
 - d. Winners will be selected by committee consisting of researchers from the Max Rady College of Medicine formed by the Associate Dean of Research. Two winning prize awards of \$1000 will be given to teams or individuals.
 - e. In the event of a tie, applications may be asked to meet with the committee.
4. Part 2 will be offered to those who are awarded one of the 2 prizes for part 1. Part 2 will be available pending availability of appropriate supervision.
5. You may choose not to participate in part 2 with no penalization to your prize from Part 1.
6. Part 2:
 - a. Students will be asked to write a CIHR grant proposal under the supervision of an appropriate lead investigators (ie. Supervisor with research related to the proposed project) chosen by the Associate Dean of Research or delegate. This will involve an extensive literature search and a detailed account of the methodology and measurable outcomes. You will be asked to identify potential collaborators, create a detailed budget which includes required supplies/services and support staff. It will also involve including CVs for those who are involved in the writing of the exercise in appropriate CIHR format (Canadian Common CV).
 - b. Students who complete part 2 to a level deemed satisfactory by their supervisor will be awarded \$1500.
 - c. The final grant must be submitted to the contest drop box (to be indicated on mmsa.online) by April 30, 2020 to be considered complete.