



Call for Abstracts
Deadline for submission: July 17, 2020

Simulation researchers and educators are invited to submit abstracts for presentation and publication in the [2021 Simulation Summit](#) program. The abstract review committee is seeking submissions that present rigorous scholarly work, and advance knowledge of simulation-based education and assessment, broadly.

Abstracts must fall under one of these two categories:

- 1) **Research:** The results of rigorous basic or applied research advancing knowledge and understanding of simulation-based education or assessment.
- 2) **Program Evaluation and/or Innovation:** Innovative studies of local simulation programs revealing important insights that might generalize to the community and/or new scholarly innovations relevant to simulation-based education or assessment.

Research	Program Evaluation and/or Innovation
Purpose is seeking new knowledge in a population and producing generalizable findings.	Purpose is seeking information for decision making about program or model (not necessarily generalizable).
Questions often originate with scholars in a discipline and ask "Did it work?" "How did it work?"	Purpose is seeking information for decision making about program or model (not necessarily generalizable).
Quality and importance often judged by peer review in a discipline.	Quality and importance often judged by stakeholders or those funding the program or model.
Ultimate test of value is contribution to advancing knowledge.	Ultimate test of value is usefulness to stakeholders

ABSTRACT THEME/TOPIC AREAS

Presentation content that is relevant to our conference theme and members of our target audiences is preferred, although any topic related to simulation-based education and assessment will be considered including:

Topic areas

- Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning
- Innovative Technologies and Software Development
- Equity and Diversity
- Patient Safety, Quality Improvement and Human Factors
- Continuing Professional Development
- Patient and Caregiver Engagement
- Assessment
- Debriefing and Feedback
- Faculty Development
- Global Health and Simulation
- Instructional Design / Curriculum Development

- Competency-based Medical Education
- Systems-based Simulation
- Simulation Operations and Management
- Teamwork and Inter-professional Simulation
- Translation of Research into Policy and Practice
- Methods to Advance the Science of Simulation

Primary target audiences

- Simulation Centre/Program Directors
- Simulation/Health Profession Educators
- Simulation Centre/Program Administrators
- Health Profession Education Researchers
- Physicians
- Nurses
- Respiratory Therapists
- Paramedics and First Responders
- Canadian Forces Personnel
- Continuing Medical Education Planners
- Learners

PRESENTATION TYPE

Abstracts may be submitted for presentation in one of two formats:

- **Oral presentation:** A 12-minute oral presentation followed by three minutes of questions.
- **Poster presentation:** A presentation at their display during designated times during the conference, to discuss their research or program evaluation and innovation with participants. This presentation would be followed by a group discussion. Posters will be displayed for the entire conference.

All necessary permissions must be obtained before submitting an abstract. The Royal College assumes no responsibility for the publication of any submitted material.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Please read these instructions carefully and follow their direction

Abstract proposals must be sent through our [submission site](#). Please have all information ready prior to submitting, as you will not have the opportunity to save your work in progress. It is presumed that you will present in the language of your submission. [Click here for to see sample abstracts](#).

Each submission must include the following details:

- **Presenter**
 - The presenter must be indicated with the check box during the submission process. The presenter's name will be underlined in the program. Abstracts can only have one presenter.
- **Author information (may or may not be the same as the submitter)**
 - List the authors in order of authorship. Do not include degrees, titles, or appointments. The order of authorship will remain consistent through all publications.

- The full address and contact information for the *main author* will be required. For each *co-author*, you will need to provide their (1) first name, (2) last name, (3) institution, (4) city, (5) province/state and (6) email address.
- **Project type**
 - You will be asked to identify if your project is best considered research or program evaluation and innovation.
 - The review committee may decide to change your submission type.
- **Topic area**
 - You will be asked to select your topic area from the drop down menu (based on the list above).
- **Title**
 - The title should summarize the abstract and suggest how the topic is relevant and important.
- **Abstract**
 - Abstracts must present a clear, concise summary of the work.
 - Organize the body of the abstract to include: (a) background/rationale; (b) objective, goal, hypothesis or research question (preferably one sentence); (c) methods; (d) results; (e) discussion/conclusion.
 - Abstracts must be 350 words or less (including headings). Please use single-spaced text and leave one line of space between paragraphs and other elements, for readability.
- **Presentation type**
 - Oral, poster or either.
- **Keywords**
 - A maximum of three keywords can be entered.

Important style notes:

- Do not use character formatting, such as italics, bold or ALL CAPS in titles or text.
- Use single line spacing.
- Use hard returns only to end headings and paragraphs, not to rearrange lines.
- Use standard abbreviations, such as kg, g, mg, ml, L (litre), mEq, m (metre), mmol (millimole), / (per) and % (per cent).
- Place acronyms in parentheses after the full term, the first time it appears.
- Place special or unusual abbreviations in parentheses after the full word, the first time it appears.
- Use numerals to indicate all numbers (including 1-10) except at the beginning of sentences.
- Use non-proprietary (generic) names when a drug is mentioned (e.g. acetazolamide [Diamox]).
- **Do NOT** include historical data, literature reviews, bibliographies, references or mention of corporate support.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

All abstract submissions will be acknowledged upon receipt. Submissions will be blinded to author name and institution for peer-review, for equal consideration. Notification will be sent to the submitter of the abstract in August of 2020. If accepted, specific details will be provided to the presenter in the fall of 2020 about the date, time and location of their presentation, and registration, housing and audio-visual information. A selection of abstracts will be published.

All presenters are required to register for the 2021 Simulation Summit and will be responsible for their own expenses, including registration, travel and accommodation fees.

Selection criteria

The following considerations will guide the review committee's decisions:

- Completed work
- Originality
- Ability to advance simulation broadly
- Ability to stimulate discussion
- Rigor of the work
 - Comprehensiveness
 - Solid scientific/scholarly practice
 - Adherence to conventions of the methodology and/or project type
- Clinical/educational relevance to simulation-based education and assessment, or to address an educational need.

****Note:** All presenters will be required to disclose financial interests to their audience(s). Submissions that are primarily commercial in nature will not be considered.*

It is presumed that you will present in the language of your submission.

BEST PAPER AWARD – RESEARCH *(Oral presentations)*

All abstracts accepted as oral research presentations will be considered for the Best Research Paper Award. This award is given out annually for the best oral presentation of a scholarly paper at the Simulation Summit. The recipient of this award will receive a certificate and be featured on the Royal College website and in publications.

BEST PAPER AWARD – PROGRAM EVALUATION AND/OR INNOVATION *(Oral presentations)*

All abstracts accepted as oral program evaluation and innovation presentations will be considered for the Best Program Evaluation and/or Innovation Paper Award. This award is given out annually for the best oral presentation of a program evaluation and/or innovative paper at the Simulation Summit. The recipient of this award will receive a certificate and be featured on the Royal College website and in publications.

BEST POSTER AWARD - RESEARCH

All posters presented during a research poster session will be considered for the Best Research Poster Award. This award is given out annually for the best poster presentation of simulation-based research at the Simulation Summit. The recipient of this award will receive a certificate and be featured on the Royal College website and in publications.

BEST POSTER AWARD – PROGRAM EVALUATION AND/OR INNOVATION

All posters presented during an innovation poster session will be considered for the Best Innovation Poster Award. This award is given out annually for the best poster presentation of an innovation at the Simulation Summit. The recipient of this award will receive a certificate and be featured on the Royal College website and in publications.

EMERGING INVESTIGATOR AWARD

The Royal College presents this award annually at the Simulation Summit, for the best simulation-based research led by an emerging investigator. The top two or three emerging investigator submissions will present during the emerging investigator session at the Simulation Summit. After presentations, the winner of the Simulation Summit Emerging Investigator Award will be selected by the session judges. Please note: For the purposes of this competition, emerging investigators are defined as those with less than five years of research experience, and who have served as primary investigator in the work being presented. To qualify for this award, those who fit the definition of emerging investigator must indicate this in the submission form. There is not a separate submission process for this award. Recipients are eligible to receive this award once therefore previous award recipients will not be eligible to present during the Emerging Investigators Session.

Questions?

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[Click here](#) to access the submission site
(You will be required to create an account)

***Note:** Modifications can be made to your submission until the July 17, 2020, deadline date. Simply log in, using the link provided, and “review” your abstract submission.