The Terry Fox Research Institute Ontario Node Research Symposium

Abstract criteria and submission instructions.

* Abstract submission opens **TODAY.**
* Abstract submission deadline: **5pm EST, Friday 01 November 2019**. Submissions after this date will **NOT** be considered for poster presentation and may not be included in the Research Symposium program.

Abstract submission

Abstracts may be submitted by anyone registered for the Research Symposium. Abstracts are welcome from any project/topic in cancer research, including basic research, translation, communication, health economics, and ethics. To be clear, abstract submissions are NOT LIMITED to projects funded by TFRI or TFF. Abstracts may be submitted and posters be presented by any co-author on the abstract.

Posters may be presented at the Research Symposium for any accepted abstract. Poster formatting requirements will be provided with notice of abstract acceptance. Note that, due to space limitations at the venue, the organizers may be required to limit the number of posters displayed at the event.

Abstract submission format

Abstracts must be in Word or Word-compatible electronic format, minimum font size 11, and minimum page margins 2.5cm on all sides. PDFs or paper copies will not be accepted. Format requirements:

* Must be NO MORE THAN one page, including ALL of the following information:
* Title of abstract and poster
* Complete list of authors and affiliations. The presenting author's name (one presenting author ONLY) should be underlined and the project leader's name should be in ALL CAPS. Please indicate if the presenting author is considered a trainee (e.g. graduate student, post-doctoral fellow).
* Where applicable, indicate if your project is supported by the TFRI or TFF. If the project leader's name is not included in the author list, the name should be clearly indicated along with the project title. For projects with multiple leaders, please include the name of the leader responsible for the work being described.
* Abstract itself, in English
* If applicable, any declarations of conflict of interest.

Accepted abstracts will be published in conference materials, made publicly available at the event, and made available electronically. By submitting the abstract, the submitting author is agreeing, on behalf of all authors on the abstract and the project leaders, to allow its publication as part of the Research Day materials. Participants and authors are reminded that it is *their* responsibility to consider any IP or other disclosure concerns *prior* to submission of abstracts.

* **Abstracts should be submitted by email** from the presenting author to donna.defrancesco@uhnresearch.ca.

Abstract review and acceptance

Abstracts will be reviewed for acceptance by TFRI Research Day organizers. Abstracts must address projects/topics in cancer research (basic research, translation, communication, health economics, and ethics) and meet the submission format requirements. All accepted abstracts will be included in the Research Day program, to be distributed to all participants on the day of the event.

Abstract and poster evaluation

All posters with a trainee as a presenting author will be considered for a poster award. Evaluation considers both the abstract and the poster presentation, is based on scientific merit, significance of the research, visual presentation, and oral presentation. Judges will evaluate posters and presenters at the poster reception on Thursday 12 December 2019. Submission of a high-quality abstract, as well as attendance at the poster reception to present to the judges, is important to be competitive for awards. Awards will be made at the Research Symposium.

**IMPORTANT:** Due to space limitations at the venue, the number of posters displayed at the event may be limited. The organizers will make a final determination for posters for display and advise all presenters no later than 22 November 2019.