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Research in emergency medicine (EM) affects all aspects of emergency patient care. Research helps to standardize care and promotes optimal care for all emergency patients to improve their outcomes.

Fostering a rich research environment requires funding, education, and a rigorous peer-review process. The CAEP Research Committee is pleased to support the development of EM-related research skills across Canada by administering two programs: an annual CAEP Grant Competition and the CAEP Abstract Competition.

Abstracts are the core of the annual research competition. This year for CAEP 2016 in Québec City, we received an astounding 300 abstracts from EM researchers from across Canada and internationally. The top-ranked abstracts will present at the plenary session, and the best resident, pediatric, new investigator, education innovation, and medical student abstracts submitted by CAEP members are awarded financially to subsidize conference travel expenses. The promotion and dissemination of high-quality research, like that submitted to the annual CAEP Conference, is integral to the enhancement of Canadian EM research.

CAEP has endeavoured to expand its grants program, by launching the EM Advancement Fund (www.TheEMAF.org). With the support of generous donors who consist of our EM colleagues, we added two additional grants of \$10,000 this year. As in previous years, five CAEP research grants were also awarded for the best proposals submitted by residents, fellows, and junior investigators. Two studies of CAEP grants have shown that these grants have successfully launched new

projects and the careers of EM researchers by providing funding support at a pivotal career point.^{1,2} These modest grants are important to the development of EM research and physician-scientists. We hope to continue to expand the grants program and are looking to you for support, so remember to support your EM research colleagues through the EM Advancement Fund.

The hours of work of that our volunteer reviewers contribute is critical to the success of the Research Committee activities during the busy abstract and grant competitions. Each submission is thoroughly read, reviewed, and scored by at least three experienced reviewers. The Research Committee would like to thank the reviewers for their contribution and recognize their commitment to support EM research.

Disclaimer: The large number of submitted abstracts and the deadlines associated with publication do not permit the author communication, abstract revisions, or *CJEM* editorial review. The abstracts are presented, as they were submitted to the Research Committee. Only the author affiliation supplied by the presenting author is specified.

Note: The CAEP 2016 Final Program contains the scheduled times for the abstract presentations.

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¹ Artz JD, Erdogan M, Green RS. A national survey on small research grants and the scholarly productivity of emergency medicine physicians in Canada. *Research Evaluation* 2016; doi: 10.1093/reseval/rvv046. First published online: January 14, 2016.

² Bawden J, Manouchehri N, Villa-Roel C, Grafstein E, Rowe BH. Important returns on investment: an evaluation of a national research grants competition in emergency medicine. *CJEM* 2010;12(1):33-8.