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NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC EXERCISE MEDICINE

Call For Proposals 2018 Marco Cabrera Student Research Award

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants for the student research award **must** have student status during the term of the award to be considered for funding.
- Applicants **must** be current members of NASPEM at the time of submitting this application
- The award program is open to all NASPEM student members, including international student members.
- The proposed research **must** align with the mission of NASPEM, which is: “To promote exercise science, physical activity and fitness in the health and medical care of children and adolescents”.

SUBMISSION PACKET

The following are required:

- Research Proposal (limited to 5 US letter/A4 pages - 12 point, Calibri, double-line spaced) that includes each of the following sections:
 - (a) Background and scientific rationale for the study;
 - (b) Aim(s) of the study;
 - (c) Methods;
 - (d) Expected outcomes and potential impact of the results.
- Timeline – one US letter/A4 page (this page is separate from the 5 page research proposal).
- Budget with justification – one US letter/A4 page (this page is separate from the 5 page research proposal).
- Letter of support for the proposal from your faculty advisor/supervisor, who **must** also be a current NASPEM member and work at the same institution as you. **Please note:** if the total budget for your proposed research exceeds the amount awarded (\$1000 to \$1500), your faculty advisor/supervisor must verify that the additional funds are available to you in their letter of support.

Please send a **single PDF** of your proposal to Dr Keith Tolfrey k.tolfrey@lboro.ac.uk
If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Keith by email.

DEADLINE

5:00 pm (Eastern Standard Time) Friday 23rd February 2018

Late applications will not be accepted, regardless of the reason.

FUNDING

Three student awards valued at \$1500, \$1250 and \$1000 will be awarded for the three best applications in rank order. Awards will be only be granted pending receipt of applications that meet a minimum threshold of quality and funding availability. Applicants can submit proposals with total costs in excess of these amounts, but their faculty advisor/supervisor must verify that the additional funds are available (refer to note on page one). The awards, however, will only be within \$1000 to \$1500 as described above.

REVIEW PROCESS

Each proposal will be reviewed independently by two NASPEM Board members. If the two reviewers cannot agree on the quality of a proposal, an independent third reviewer will be used to arbitrate. **Note:** applications submitted by students of NASPEM Board members will be reviewed independently to preclude any potential bias.

Reviewers will use a rating system to evaluate the proposals on the following dimensions:

- (a) Background and scientific rationale for the study;
- (b) Aim(s) of the study;
- (c) Methods;
- (d) Expected outcomes and potential impact of the results.

Note: the timeline and budget are not rated specifically, but they do provide insight to the feasibility of the proposed research.

NOTIFICATION

Award winners will be notified in early May 2018 and the winners will be announced at the 2018 American College of Sports Medicine Pediatric Exercise Special Interest Group and NASPEM (or PWP) meetings.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Recipients are strongly encouraged to present the research outcomes as a featured oral communication at a future NASPEM or European Paediatric Work Physiology (PWP) biennial conference. Recipients of the award **must** acknowledge NASPEM support in the presentation of their research and publications.

ADVISORY NOTE

It is important that you seek advice from your faculty advisor (supervisor) throughout this award process. Their expertise and experience in grant proposal writing will be invaluable and an important component in the overall quality of your application. I take this opportunity, on behalf of the NASPEM Board of Directors, to thank you for considering this award in memory of our esteemed friend and colleague, Dr Marco Cabrera, and to wish you well with your application.

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