

CCA RESEARCH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS 2020

THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2020.

PURPOSE:

The annual **CCA Research Award of Excellence** competition honours, celebrates and promotes research that contributes significantly to the growing body of academic literature relevant to the organized children's camping movement in Canada.

It encourages graduate students and faculty to examine issues and/or practicalities that relate to child and youth development, enhancement of the quality of life, creating and enabling the experience, and the role of "camp" in its social, political and physical environment, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The list of previous entries is in "awards", and the papers are in "research" on the CCA website.

SPONSORSHIP:

The annual competition is sponsored and funded by the Canadian Camping Association.

CRITERIA:

The judging criteria are:

- (1) originality in the topic or area of inquiry,
- (2) innovation in framing or treatment of the research question,
- (3) rigour of research,
- (4) methodological soundness,
- (5) strength of conclusions,
- (6) practicality of applications,
- (7) clarity of thought and language,

collectively defining the value of your contribution to the camp research body of knowledge.

EVALUATION:

The Research Award of Excellence Committee works at arm's length from the CCA Board.

The judges refer to a modified version of Prof. Scanlin's Assessment Grid (ACA) to enhance consistency in the evaluation process.

The judges' decisions are final.

BRIEFING LETTER:

Please attach to the front of your paper a one or two page, single spaced, plain language briefing letter to camping professionals, owners, camp boards or sponsoring organizations, as appropriate, for whom your research topic could be significant. Summarize the work. Explain

what your research says. Describe the possible benefits from the results of your research in their areas of responsibility.

PRIZE:

The Research Award of Excellence prize is \$500.00 (CAD).

CCA will publicly honour the winner across the Canadian camping community via Constant Contact and on the CCA website.

THE 2020 JUDGES:

Stephen Fine, PhD, CCA Research Committee Chair

Peter Gilbert, B.Arch, M.Ed, Prof. (E), Ryerson U. CCA Research Award Chair

Catherine Laing, RN, PhD, Assoc. Prof. & Assoc. Dean, U. Calgary

Tad Macilwraith, PhD, Prof. Guelph U.

Catherine Ross, BA, B.Ed., Author.

ACCESS:

At the judges' discretion, entries will be accessible world-wide in the Research section of the CCA website and, as print copy, in the unique Canadian Camping Collections at the Trent University Archives for long term access by future researchers.

ENTRY:

We accept entries in either of Canada's two official languages.

E-mail your entry to:

Prof.(E) Peter Gilbert, CCARAE Chair at: pbgilbert@me.com.

You may send questions to the same address anytime.

We will acknowledge receipt of your entry.

Mark the deadline: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2020. on your calendar.