

The Health Council of Canada Health Innovation Award



As part of our commitment to highlighting innovation in Canadian health care renewal, the Health Council of Canada is turning towards the leaders of tomorrow - College and University students – for their ideas.

We will be awarding the **Health Council of Canada Health Innovation Award** to the students with the best response to the following question:

What do you propose to help renew and sustain Canadian health care, and why?

We are asking students who study health-related or other courses (such as medicine, nursing, health administration, and economics) to think about our health care system and its future, and to consider what important innovations should be implemented to ensure it is there for all Canadians now and in the future.

We are also asking teachers and professors to enliven the discussion in their classrooms, through lectures and class assignments. We have some excellent tools on our website to assist you: our paper, *Value for Money: Making Canadian Health Care Stronger*, a slide deck for classroom presentations; and stakeholder resources that will get everyone thinking. Visit www.CanadaValuesHealth.ca for more information.

Submissions of up to 1,000 words will be accepted from students or teams of two or more students registered at Canadian colleges or universities. Diagrams, tables or figures can be included to help students make their case. The idea can be either broad or specific, but it must be original.

Entries will be judged by a Health Council of Canada panel of experts, including the Chair of the Health Council of Canada and its CEO. First and second place will be awarded in each of the individual and team categories, for a total of up to four prizes.

Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- Original
- Evidence-based
- Well reasoned
- Well written

The winners of the Health Council of Canada Health Innovation Award will have their submission featured on the CanadaValuesHealth.ca website, on our home page at www.healthcouncilcanada.ca, and in a Health Council of Canada e-newsletter that goes out to the nation. All will receive a certificate of congratulations.

QUESTIONS? Call 1-866-998-1019.

READY NOW? The submission deadline is 5 p.m. on December 15, 2009. Send via email to WhatIThink@healthcouncilcanada.ca, or by mail to: Health Council of Canada, c/o Health Innovation Contest, 90 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 900, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 2Y3.