



New Investigator Award

The New Investigator Award will be presented for outstanding abstract submission accepted for inclusion at the conference authored by a new investigator. This is your chance to represent your work at Canada's premier wound care conference and make a name for yourself in the field of wound care.

To qualify and support your application to be considered for the award, you must:

- Be the primary author of or have made significant contributions to the research described in the submitted abstract as partial fulfillment of a postgraduate degree program
- Have completed the skin/wound related research as partial fulfillment of a recognized postgraduate degree program (Master's degree, Nurse Practitioner, Doctor of Medicine, or Doctor of Philosophy), postgraduate course/certificate (Nurses Specialized in Wound, Ostomy & Continence Canada, International Interdisciplinary Wound Care Course, etc.), or while a postdoctoral fellow or resident.
- Do not currently hold part-time or full-time appointment at an academic institution at a rank of assistant professor or higher and not held an academic position of any type for more than four years.

If you are eligible for the New Investigator Award

- Indicate by checking the appropriate box during submission that you wish to be considered for the New Investigator Award.
- Submit an abstract by **11:59 pm on June 30, 2026 (EDT)** that follows abstract submission guidelines.
- Agree to register for and attend the 2026 Wounds Canada National Conference in person (October 22-24, 2026).
- Submit a letter outlining your career plans and commenting on how these plans will promote/increase the research activities of Wounds Canada (this must be submitted along with your abstract by **11:59 pm on June 30, 2026 (EDT)**).
- Submit a letter of reference from an academic mentor or supervisor with the mentor/supervisor's full contact information—address, phone number, email—must be included, so that they may be contacted to support your application.
Within the letter of reference, the supervisor/mentor should verify:
 1. when you were registered in a recognized postgraduate program or course
 2. that the project described in the abstract was completed as part of the program requirements and you contributed significantly to work described in the abstract.

Awards will not be given to individuals unless they fulfill all the stated qualifications and provide all the information and documents listed above by **11:59 pm on June 30, 2026 (EDT)**.