

# Medical Humanities



## Student Writing Competition 2025

### Do you enjoy writing?

Medical students and residents are invited to submit reflective essays, prose, poetry, plays, or graphic novellas exploring the intersection of mental health and the humanities to the **Dalhousie Department of Psychiatry Annual Student Writing Competition**. Other forms of creative writing may also be accepted.

One entry in each category (medical student, postgraduate trainee) will be selected to receive a cash prize. \*

\*Awards in each category may not be given each year depending on the number and/or quality of the submissions.

### Contest Rules

Who is eligible? Medical students, residents, and fellows at Canadian medical schools.

**Maximum word count:** 2,000 words

**Deadline:** This year's deadline is **May 1, 2025**. Winners will be announced in fall 2025.

Entries can be sent as PDF attachments to the Department of Psychiatry Medical Humanities Coordinator, Dr. Leigh Meldrum, at [Psych.Education@dal.ca](mailto:Psych.Education@dal.ca). Please indicate in your email whether you are a medical student or a resident/fellow.

*\*To ensure confidentiality is maintained, patients and anyone else described in essays, stories, or poems **must** be fictional or composite characters (with the exception of the narrator him/herself).*

For complete contest rules, please visit: <https://medicine.dal.ca/departments/department-sites/psychiatry/education/medical-humanities/writing-competition.html>

### Winning

Winning entries will be published in the Department of Psychiatry newsletter, *Headlines*, and on the **Dalhousie Department of Psychiatry website**.