

2023/24 Department of Dentistry SRG Annual Report



To: The Network for Canadian Oral Health Research and the Department of Dentistry of the University of Alberta

In the 2023/2024 academic year, the Department of Dentistry Student Research Group embarked on its journey by electing new members in September 2023. Our primary goal for the year was to build a research culture among undergraduate students and provide networking opportunities for graduate students.

We organized Fall and Winter Research Mixers, offering valuable opportunities for undergraduate students to connect with their peers and faculty. At these events, supervisors showcased their projects for the Undergraduate Research Initiative and led discussions on their research topics.

We also organized the annual Day of Dentistry Poster Session, a major event for both undergraduate and graduate students to showcase their research projects. During the 2-hour event, 52 posters were presented, and 13 judges selected the top presentations.

A notable achievement was the successful hosting of a two-day Graduate Research Day event, featuring the Geoffrey H. Sperber lecture as the keynote presentation by Dr. Michael Glogauer. Despite initial challenges posed by the high volume of presentations, both events were highly successful. The Graduate Research Day showcased 42 presentations from first and second-year graduate students, with the top presenters chosen by our judges.

We concluded the year with an end-of-year mixer and a welcoming event for the new academic year, which saw active participation from both undergraduate research initiative and graduate students.

This year, we were honored with the best Graduate Student Group Award from GSA. Additionally, we managed to secure over twice the funding from the previous year, allowing us to host higher-quality events and achieve record-breaking attendance across all SRG activities.

Below is a summary of our 2023/24 events:

Date	Event	Budget	Description
November 6, 2023	Fall Research Mixer	\$340.63 (Catering)	We held a research mixer that connected students with faculty members seeking researchers for the Undergraduate Research Initiative Program.
February 5, 2024	Winter Research Mixer	\$200.98 (Catering)	We hosted a networking event focused on informing future undergraduate researchers about essential aspects of research.

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April 5, 2024	Day of Dentistry Poster Session	\$100 (Prizes)	A poster session was held at the Glacier Room, Lister Centre, for students conducting research in the School of Dentistry. This session was a requirement for undergraduate research initiative participants and second- and third-year graduate students to present their research. Awards were given for the highest-scoring presentations.
May 30 and 31, 2024	Geoffrey H. Sperber lecture (Dr. Michael Glogauer) and Graduate Research Day	\$127.79 (Gift) \$447.78 (Networking Catering) \$585.51 (Research Day Catering) \$100 (Prizes)	We hosted this year's prestigious craniofacial seminar series honoring Dr. Geoffrey H. Sperber, featuring a presentation by Dr. Michael Glogauer, a Professor at the University of Toronto. A networking lunch was provided, allowing interested students to engage with the speaker. During Research Day, first- and second-year graduate students were required to present their work to faculty and trainees. Faculty members provided feedback through talks, and awards were given for the highest-scoring presentations.
August 29, 2024	Welcoming event and mixer	\$325 (Booking) \$716.08 (Catering)	A networking event for undergraduate research initiative and all graduate students was held at Dewey's.
	IADR membership fee	\$424.98	SRG members who attended the IADR were reimbursed for their membership fees.
	Bank fees	\$45	

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NCOHR	GSA	Best Group Award	Total Contributions	Total expenses	Remining Balance
\$1000	\$2250	\$500	+ 3750	- 3413.75	336.25

As we transition into the new year, we note that the SRG bank had a starting balance of \$19.54 for 2022/2023. The closing balance for 2023/2024 is \$854.20, which includes the remaining funding balance for this year and a total of \$520 from GSA council attendance and previous years' reimbursements added to the final account balance.

We extend our gratitude to the School of Dentistry and the Network for Canadian Oral Health Research (NCOHR) for their ongoing support of our local Student Research Group. Your contributions have helped our Canadian student research initiative reach more trainees and enhance the experience of current student researchers.

We look forward to continuing this partnership as the Department of Dentistry Student Research Group expands its impact locally, nationally, and beyond.

Sincerely,

2023/2024 Department of Dentistry Student Research Group

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