



2024/25 Department of Dentistry SRG Annual Report

To: The Network for Canadian Oral Health Research

The 2024–2025 academic year marked an exciting new chapter for the Department of Dentistry Student Research Group (SRG). Following the election of new members in September 2024, our primary goal was to promote research at the school level, expand the scale of our events, and highlight the outstanding research achievements of our students.

We launched the year with the **Undergraduate Research Mixer**, designed to foster connections among undergraduate students, faculty, and peers. At this event, supervisors showcased their projects and led engaging discussions on their research. The event drew strong interest, with 55 student attendees, and successfully welcomed 32 students into the Undergraduate Research Initiative program.

Building on this momentum, we organized the annual Day of Dentistry Poster Session in April, which served as a major platform for both undergraduate and graduate students to present their work. This year's session saw record participation, with 60 posters presented during the two-hour event. A panel of 12 judges evaluated the presentations and selected the top projects, ensuring recognition of student excellence.

One of our greatest achievements was the successful hosting of the 2025 Research Day, and the Geoffrey H. Sperber Lecture, delivered by Dr. Robert A. Cornell from the University of Washington. Given the large number of presentations, we introduced a format in which first-year students presented their research using the 3MT model. This approach proved highly successful and was well received by both students and faculty. For the first time, the event received support from external sponsors, Alberta Dental Association, Scotia Bank, Electro Medical Systems, and CDSPI, whose generous contributions enabled us to expand the program and enhance its overall quality. The day wrapped up with an award ceremony celebrating outstanding Research Day presentations, along with major student awards and achievements.

We concluded the year with a welcoming event for the Undergraduate Research Initiative summer students, which encouraged collaboration between undergraduate and graduate participants.

Thanks to the generous support of NCOHR, the Mike Petryk School of Dentistry, and our sponsors, we secured nearly double the funding compared to the previous year. This allowed us to substantially increase student awards, deliver higher-quality events, and achieve record-breaking attendance across all SRG activities.



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Below is a summary of our 2024/25 events:

Date	Event	Budget	Description
December 2, 2024	Undergraduate Research Mixer	Catering: \$276.45	We held the undergraduate research mixer that connected students with faculty members seeking researchers for the Undergraduate Research Initiative Program.
April 4, 2025	Day of Dentistry Poster Session	Awards: \$375	A poster session was held at the Glacier room and Alberta room, Lister Centre. This session was a requirement for undergraduate research initiative participants and second- and third-year graduate students to present their research. Awards were given to the top 2 presentation in graduate and undergraduate category.
May 8, 2025	SRG Meeting Lunch	\$143.51 (Catering)	A complimentary lunch provided for members attending the SRG meeting during the planning for Research Day and the Geoffrey H. Sperber Lecture.
May 29, 2025	2025 Research Day and Geoffrey H. Sperber lecture	Gift: \$222.13 Lunch: \$1,087.73 Refreshments \$274.03 Awards: \$2200	We hosted this year's prestigious craniofacial seminar series honoring Dr. Geoffrey H. Sperber, featuring a presentation by Dr. Robert Cornell, a Professor at the University of Washington. 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.
May 29, 2025	Award Ceremony	Catering: \$828.08	We celebrated the Best Presentation Award and recognized the outstanding achievements of our graduate students.
July 3, 2025	Welcoming event and mixer	Catering: \$502.36 Misc: \$14.71	A networking event for undergraduate research initiative students, their supervisors and SRG members was held at the Atrium 3rd Floor.
	IADR membership fee	\$242.54	SRG members who attended the IADR were reimbursed for their membership fees.
	Bank fees	Monthly fee: \$45 E-transfer fee: \$60	



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NCOHR	GSA	MPSOD	External sponsors	GSA attendance	Total Contributions	Total expenses	Remining Balance
\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$3,500	410	+ \$7,410	-\$6,272	\$1,993

As we transition into the new year, we note that the SRG bank had a starting balance of \$854 for 2024/2025 and a closing balance of \$1,993. This closing balance includes the remaining funding balance for the year and a total of \$410 from GSA council attendance, which will be 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,

2024/2025 Department of Dentistry Student Research Group

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