

# PAINtalks

Call for applicants!

2020 edition will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup>  
at the Granada Theater in Sherbrooke

For more information: <https://qnjpi-rqecd.ca/paintalks/>

## Application process for the Quebec Network of Junior Pain Investigators Members

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## 1. Eligibility conditions

### Eligibility conditions

- Be a student member of the Quebec Network of Junior Pain Investigators (QNJPI).
- Have the ability to present a conference in English or French.
- Be able to present an original conference idea related to pain.
- Be available for group and individual training (remotely).
- Be available during the day of the event, at least 4 hours before the beginning of the evening and until the end of the cocktail.

## 2. Submission procedure

### Procedure for submitting an application

- Fill out the submission form.
- Send a video of the idea of the conference, presented in 3 minutes.

### Submission period

from May 4<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## 3. Evaluation process

An Evaluation Committee will evaluate the applications following the end of the submission period. One candidate will be selected.

Participants must submit their application on the event's Fourwaves platform: [www.fourwav.es/PAINtalks2020](http://www.fourwav.es/PAINtalks2020).

### Application evaluation period

Week of June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The main evaluation criteria are:

- Video: Students vulgarization and oral skills.
- Subject: Originality of the idea and capacity of synthesis.

More details of the evaluation criteria are available in the Fourwaves submission platform.

## 4. Speakers process

All speakers will have to undergo an individualized public speaking training, offered by the QNJPI, for a total duration of 3-4 hours. They will have two group trainings, as well as two individual trainings. Speakers will be asked to prepare their presentation, including visual support, before individual meetings. They will therefore have work to complete between these trainings, as well as after the event (preparation of the videos).

The dates will be determined according to the availabilities of each one and all the meetings will be made in distance, using our videoconference system. The scheduled trainings times are:

- Group training #1: End of July
- Group training #2: End of August
- Group training #2: Beginning of September
- Individual training #2: End of September

Members of the PAINtalks organizing committee reserve the right to be present at all meetings.

If a speaker is not able to be available to the trainings or to adapt his lecture between the trainings, the PAINtalks organizing committee reserves the right to remove the speaker from the event. The aim is to offer quality conferences accessible to the general public as well as to ensure a certain coherence between presentations.

Speakers are responsible for the expenses related to the event (transportation, accommodation).

## 5. Best presentation competition

This contest is exclusive to QNJPI members post-graduate full-time students in the pain research field, which are not implicated in the QNJPI executive committee. Speakers who do not respect these conditions will unfortunately not be eligible for the competition. The speakers will be evaluated according to 3 methods to select the best presentation among the speakers from the QNJPI.

### 1. Public choice (30 points)

At the end of the event, people from the public will be invited to vote for their favorite speaker among all speakers. People will be able to vote at the end of the event. A person will be responsible to ensure the proper functioning of this method. Each student will receive a score (number of student votes / total number of votes for all the speakers eligible for the contest) for the public choice portion of the assessment. This score will then be reconverted to a total of 30 points that will be added to the other evaluation methods.

### 2. Selection of the jury (30 points)

A neutral jury consisting of two researchers and one patient will be present to evaluate the QNJPI student investigators. An evaluation grid customized to the event will be used. Evaluators will be met in advance to discuss the evaluation criteria according to the PAINtalks vision, which differs from the usual scientific presentation methods of evaluation. The evaluation grid will accumulate a maximum of 30 points, added to the other evaluation methods.

### **3. General public interest (30 points)**

All lectures will be recorded and edited by a professional team, with subtitles in French and English. These videos will be broadcasted on YouTube as soon as possible.

The purpose of this method is to give points to the lecturer whose subject is of most interest to the general public. Speakers will have two months to accumulate as many views as possible on their YouTube video. The count of the number of views will begin at the Facebook publication of the video and will end 60 days later. A member of the organizing committee will be responsible for taking account of the views. All the speakers will be entitled to their initial publication on the Facebook page of the QNJPI as well as a start boost payed on Facebook.

The number of YouTube-views of each will represent a total number of points. This number of points, in reference to the total number of views among the students of the competition, will be converted to 30. This score will also be added to that of the other evaluation methods.

## **6. Speaker's benefits**

This opportunity allows the speakers to share a message in a large scale. They will to benefit from several personalized group and individual speaking trainings, by an experienced trainer, Denis François Gravel, from PRESENTability (<https://presentability.com>) and president / co-founder of TEDxQuebec. A video of their lecture, which will be recorded and edited by a professional company, will then be available and widely distributed.