OCULA Lightning Strikes Student Award

Description

This award is to promote OCULA to both LIS and library technician students and provide an opportunity to participate in the OLA Super Conference.

Criteria/Eligibility

- Candidates for this award should be students with an interest in academic libraries who are either currently enrolled in a Master's program in library/information studies or in a library technician diploma program with an Ontario university or college or who have graduated within 6 months of the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference.
- The proposed lightning talk should address an original topic or reconsider a past topic in a novel way that would be relevant to academic libraries.
- Exemplary student work can be turned into a session proposal.
- Applicants should submit a proposal for a 10-minute lightning talk to be given as part of the Student Award Session at the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference. For group proposals, students will still only have 10 minutes to speak.
- Presentations can be delivered in French as long as the presentation is accompanied by slides and/or supporting materials in English so that the content can be understood by the audience and voted on fairly.
- Presentations can use visuals that are in slide format, or other forms of creative expressions.

Nomination Procedure

The session proposal form may be filled out by visiting OLA Website and the awards information page.

- A title, description, and up to three tags for the lightning talk must be included on the session proposal form.
- Descriptions may be submitted in writing or via video.
- Written descriptions are limited to 125 words, and videos must be no more than one minute long.
- Videos should be uploaded to a public site, such as YouTube, and the link provided in the proposal form.
- Only one submission per applicant will be considered.
- Proposals must be submitted in English.
- Submissions will be accepted between: August – November.
- The closing date for nominations in any given year is: 15 November.
- The OCULA Vice President will contact all successful applicants for presentation logistics.

Selection Process

- Submissions will be judged based on creativity, relevance of the topic to academic libraries, and appropriateness of the topic for a lightning talk

i.e. can be covered in ten minutes.

- All entries will be blind reviewed by an OCULA panel of judges, at least one of whom will be an OCULA Super Conference Program Planner.
- Up to six (6) applicants will be chosen to speak at the Student Lightning Strikes Award Session. Successful applicants will receive free registration to the Super Conference for the day they are speaking.
- The winner will be determined at the Super Conference, by a vote of all audience members attending the Lightning Strikes Student Award Session.

Award Presentation Information

- The "Lightning Strikes @ OCULA" session will be scheduled on the Thursday afternoon of the Super Conference.
- This award is presented at the OLA annual Super Conference at the end of the OCULA Annual General Meeting. All participants will be informed just prior to the presentation but winner must be in attendance to receive the award.
- All students selected to present will attend the Thursday of the Conference at no charge and will also receive a complimentary one-year membership in the Ontario Library Association and Ontario College and University Library Association.
- The winner will receive a $200 honorarium, a complimentary one-year membership in the Ontario Library Association and Ontario College and University Library Association and a position on OCULA Council as a Student Rep for one year.
- Guests of award winners are welcome to attend the award presentation, however, must be a registered conference attendees or registered guests. All attendees must have a conference badge to be onsite.