



# Canadian Radiation Protection Association Association canadienne de radioprotection

## 2026

### ANTHONY J. MACKAY STUDENT PAPER CONTEST

All students enrolled full-time in a Canadian college or university program related to the radiation sciences, as well as students who have graduated since May 2025 are eligible to enter.

Three finalists will be chosen to present their paper **in person** at the [CARST-CRPA Symposium on Radon and Radon Protection](#) in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from May 27-31, 2026. The topic of the presentation must include some aspect of radiation protection, otherwise it will be deemed ineligible.

Abstracts may be submitted in either English or French; however, presentations will be in English and simultaneous translation will not be available. (French forms available [here](#)).

#### ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

##### 1. Complete the submission entry form

- Save the entry form in Word format (.doc or .docx) with the file name “2026 – Student Contest Entry Form – First & Last Name”

##### 2. Complete your abstract using the format described on the next page

- Save your abstract in Word format (.doc, .docx) with the file name “2026 – Student Contest Abstract – First & Last Name”

##### 3. Submit your entry to the contest as follows:

To: [secretariat@crpa-acrp.ca](mailto:secretariat@crpa-acrp.ca)

Subject Line: “2026 - Student Contest Entry – First & Last Name”

- Attach your Entry Form and Abstract

##### Please note:

- **Do not submit your entry to the contest and to the conference at the same time**
- You will be informed of the status of your entry **no later than January 31, 2026**.
- If you are **not** selected as a finalist, you may then submit your abstract to the conference if you wish.
- Submissions to the conference use a different format and are submitted to a different email address – refer to the Call for Abstracts page on the [CARST-CRPA Symposium on Radon and Radon Protection website](#). The deadline for conference abstracts is February 15, 2026.
- You may submit a Poster abstract to the conference at any time.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11:59 PM EST, JANUARY 15, 2026**

## ABSTRACT FORMAT

### **Page 1 of your abstract:**

- Paper title
- All author names and educational affiliations (underline the author that would receive the prize should the entry win)
- Your paper's 6-digit code:
  - the first letter of your surname
  - the last letter of your given name
  - the last letter of your postal code
  - the last 3 digits of your phone number
- For example, a paper by John Smith, who lives at K1Y 4E9, phone number 123-456-7890 would have the code **SNE890**.
- Do not put any paper content on page 1

### **All other pages of your abstract:**

- Ensure that there is no identifying information (e.g., author name, educational affiliation).
- The header should indicate your 6-digit code and the title of your paper ONLY. This ensures that your entry can be rapidly anonymized for judging.
- This section should be **no longer than 750 words** and must contain the following sections:
  - Background or Introduction
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusion
- **Do not include any images or graphs in your abstract. See sample on next page.**

We recognize that the submission deadline for the contest is early enough in the school term that final results may not yet be available. If this is the case, simply state this in your results/conclusion sections along with any expected results or results to date.

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