

**Process for selection of the abstract which will represent the  
UTHSCSA Dental School in the competition for  
the VOLPE Prize for Clinical Research in Periodontology**

**Background:**

The Ohio State University and the Colgate-Palmolive Company have announced a new award in periodontology named in honor of Dr. Anthony Volpe. The Volpe Prize recognizes the best clinical research in periodontology by dentistry students in accredited dental schools or dental post-graduate programs in Canada, Mexico, or the U.S. (or graduates who have completed training by June 30, 2006). One abstract from each dental academic institution will be accepted for review. Twelve finalists will be selected to make oral presentations at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, in May 2007. Each finalist will receive a \$500 travel grant. The winner of the Volpe Prize will receive \$3,500 and a certificate of recognition.

**Process for selecting candidate from the UTHSCSA Dental School:**

The process will be coordinated through the Office of the Associate Dean for Research

**Time line:**

- November 15: Announcement of award distributed to all dental school departments for posting
- January 7: Deadline for submission of abstract
- January 15: Selection of abstract by UTHSCSA review committee
- January 15-25: Finalization of selected abstract
- January 25: Submission of abstract to competition (Deadline is February 1)

**Eligibility:**

Dental students and dental postdoctoral students who are in training or have completed their training by June 30 in the year preceding the competition are eligible for submitting an abstract for the competition.

**Submission:**

Applicants for selection to represent the UTHSCSA Dental School will submit an abstract of no more than 2 pages including figures and tables. The submission must be sponsored by a faculty member from the institution. The mentor must verify in a support letter that the research is original and has been performed during the dental school or residency studies.

**Abstract content:**

According to the competition guidelines:

*“Abstracts must summarize clinical periodontal research performed during dental school or an advanced dental program.*

*Abstracts should pertain to the following areas:*

- *clinical research to answer questions about health and disease*
- *experimental medicine to explore new discoveries/treatments*
- *population sciences to identify mechanisms of disease*
- *translational research to transfer knowledge between laboratory and patient.”*

**UTHSCSA Review Committee:**

The Associate Dean for Research in collaboration with the Chair of Department of Periodontics will compose a review committee of at least 5 faculty members at the UTHSCSA with expertise in clinical research in periodontics and specialized research areas pending the research subject areas and content of the submitted abstracts.

**Review criteria:**

Adhering to the competition guidelines:

*“Abstracts will be evaluated on original scientific content, quality and quantity of data, interpretation of evidence, clinical significance, and conciseness of writing.”*

For the UTHSCSA review, each area must be addressed in the abstract and will be considered in review of the abstract.