

## Linda and William Hamilton Annual Dance Wellness Symposium

### INTRODUCTION

The **Linda and William Hamilton Annual Dance Wellness Symposium** is held in conjunction with the IADMS Annual Conference. The purpose is to highlight dance medicine professionals' emerging research on wellness, with a focus on the multifaceted aspects of physical and psychological stressors on those who dance or work with dancers of any level or style. Abstracts submitted for the IADMS Annual Conference that feature multidisciplinary individual or collaborative research, and/or clinical focus in their approach to dancer health and wellbeing are encouraged to apply for this award.

### AWARD

Three abstracts will be selected for this prestigious award. The recipients will receive a \$1,000 monetary prize\* and a certificate of achievement. They also will present their work at the Annual Conference's *Linda and William Hamilton Annual Dance Wellness Symposium*.

*\*The monetary prize is awarded directly to the lead author/presenter. If there are co-authors or co-presenters, it is at the sole discretion of the lead author/presenter whether and how to divide the award.*

### QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants to the *Linda and William Hamilton Annual Dance Wellness Symposium* must:

- Be accepted for presentation to the conference through general review
- Represent completed work (Student Development Showcase submissions will not be accepted)
- Be prepared to present in a 15-minute Lecture Presentation format
- Abstracts must clearly relate to both physical and mental components of dancer health and wellness while offering an interdisciplinary viewpoint.
- Abstracts must contribute additional or clarifying evidence-based research to the field and not rely extensively on practitioner wisdom.
- Consent to have their presentation shared with IADMS membership.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

When submitting an abstract in accordance with the IADMS Call for Presentations, indicate that you wish to be considered for the Hamilton Symposium by checking the appropriate box in the on-line submission form. Following the IADMS internal blind review process for annual conference abstract submissions, those submitters that meet the qualifying criteria (listed above) will then be reviewed by an independent adjudicating body.

Finalists for the Hamilton Symposium Award will be required to submit an extended abstract. The extended abstract allows for up to 1,000 words to expand on the research methodologies, results, provide a figure or table to support the research, and explicitly address, “How does this work represent interdisciplinary, not multidisciplinary, research that advances aspects of both mental and physical health and well-being in dancers and dance science?”

It is recommended that applicants for the Hamilton Symposium Award have their extended abstract prepared when submitting to present at the IADMS Annual Conference. Finalists will be notified with more details of how to submit their extended abstract. Extended abstracts must be received by the deadline to be considered for the award. The selected recipients of the award will be notified in advance of the conference and will present their research during the *Linda and William Hamilton Annual Dance Wellness Symposium*. IADMS reserves the right to publicly share your presentation and abstract, or their derivatives.

If your abstract is not chosen for the symposium it will remain in consideration for the main conference program.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Winners will be notified and announced on the IADMS website and social media outlets at the commencement of the IADMS Annual Conference. A certificate of achievement will be presented to the award recipients at the respective IADMS Annual Conference.

## QUESTIONS?

Questions about the symposium should be emailed to [conference@iadms.org](mailto:conference@iadms.org) with “Hamilton Symposium” in the title.