

Linda and William Hamilton Dance Wellness Symposium Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

The *Linda and William Hamilton Annual Dance Wellness Symposium* will be 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 features 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 certificate(s) of achievement. They also will present their work at the Annual Conference in the highlighted *Linda and William Hamilton Annual Dance Wellness Symposium* section.

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 (Works in Progress 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.

APPLICATION & AWARDING 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 **by May 1**. The extended abstract allows for up to 1000 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 in April with more details of how to submit their extended abstract. Extended abstracts **must be received by May 1** 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 featured session.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Winners will be notified via email in advance of the general announcement of the Hamilton Symposium's agenda on the website and social media outlets prior to the IADMS Annual Conference. Awards will be given at the IADMS Annual Conference.

QUESTIONS?

Questions about the Linda and William Hamilton Dance Wellness Symposium can be emailed directly to conference@iadms.org.