## Doing History of Medicine Research

**Stampede into Calgary!**

### Phase 1

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Search up “History of Medicine Days Calgary” → Click “Past HMDs”

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- Do the groundwork for your project
- Synthesize some results
- Make a PowerPoint
- Attend the HOM club practice sessions for Calgary
- Calgary!

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http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/historymedicine/research/index.htm

Student Research Projects

Resources for Medical Students Interested in Pursuing a History of Medicine Project

- Developing a History of Medicine Project (PDF, 639KB)
- Possible Research Topics (PDF, 43KB)
- Sample Abstract for a History of Medicine Paper (PDF, 629KB)

Read Prof. Jaslyn Duffins advice to medical students for conducting historical research:

- Stalking and Science: How to Research a Question in Medical History (PDF, 639KB)
- Manual Image: History Research & Medical Practice (PDF, 354KB)
Advice for Doing a Project During Clerkship

- Dan Stojanovic, 4th year

Words of advice from a past president of the HOM club

North de Pencier studied records from the Sioux Lookout Zone for her medical history projects and received the Dr Benjamin Goldberg Research Award last summer to study her project, entitled "Environmentally-induced retardation": Intellectual Testing and Overdiagnosis of Developmental Disabilities at the Sioux Lookout Zone Hospital, 1969-1996
What opportunities are available to do/present HOM projects outside Calgary and the Western Colloquium?

“Lots! I have presented at the Manitoba Ontario Minnesota Saskatchewan History of Medicine conference, which was in Winnipeg this year. It was mostly historians. I also presented at the American Association for the History of Medicine. The deadline for abstracts is in September and the conference was in May. It is a blast! I also presented my history of medicine research at the Western Student Research Conference, which is for Western Undergrads.”

More opportunities to present HOM projects outside Calgary and the Western Colloquium

“London Health Research Day is another good option, at Western, although I haven't done that one. I did an "online poster" at an online conference called Beyond Sciences Initiative at UofT.”

How has doing an HOM project enriched your medical school experience?

“Ugh sooooo much. I do history of medicine research year round with a medical anthropologist at the public health school. It has been great for my learning and amazing for my resume. I have gotten to travel a ton and got a bunch of grant money to support my travelling. I am really into the humanities, so doing this research keeps me intellectually engaged and helps me remember why I want to be a doctor.”

Any thoughts on publishing your HOM project?

“I haven't done it yet but I'm hoping to this year! There are student journals at Schulich and at Western, and lots of grownup journals too. Write a paper and then get Dr. McKellar to help you make it awesome.”
Panel Q&A