

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AWARD

Grad students and postdoctoral fellows

Rules and Guidelines

Unless otherwise specified, the term “member” refers to both “regular members” and “collaborating members” of Op+lait.

Award Description:

- Op+lait awards two annual knowledge transfer prizes of \$500 each for an activity carried out within the 12 months prior to the submission deadline.
- Applications must be submitted by October 1st of each year. The prizes will be awarded at the annual meeting.
- Master’s and PhD students, as well as postdoctoral fellows, are eligible.

Purpose of the Award:

To encourage graduate students and postdoctoral fellows conducting research under the supervision of an Op+lait member to carry out innovative knowledge transfer activities aimed at either direct or indirect users of research, or the general public.

Definition of Knowledge Transfer:

Any **dissemination** or **popular science activity** directed at users of research or the general public.

*Note: Activities presented **at scientific conferences or in scientific journals are not eligible** for this award.

Eligibility Criteria:

Open to Master’s and PhD students and postdoctoral fellows supervised by a member of the Op+lait group.

Eligibility Criteria for Knowledge Transfer Activities:

1. The activity must align with the research themes of at least **one of Op+lait’s four research axes** (see www.oplait.org).
2. The activity may be conducted by **one or more students or postdocs**, and in **any format**, including:
 - Oral or poster presentations
 - Videos
 - Artistic performances
 - Comics
 - Media interviews

- Blog posts
- Popular science articles, etc.

Note: Humor is allowed, but **language and content must remain respectful and non-political**.

3. The activity may have taken place **within external science communication competitions**.
4. **Op+lait must have been acknowledged** and/or its logo must have been **visible during the activity**.

Not Eligible:

- Presenting research at scientific conferences or congresses (refer instead to the **Op+lait Conference Travel Grant**).
- Simply attending a booth organized by Op+lait's administrative staff.

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated by the **Op+lait Knowledge Transfer Committee**. Any member in conflict of interest will recuse themselves from evaluating the relevant submission.

Applications will be scored out of 100 points, based on the following criteria:

- **10 pts** | Relevance of the activity to Op+lait's research program
- **15 pts** | Relevance to the applicant's development of science communication skills
- **20 pts** | Quality of oral, visual/graphic, audio, and written presentation of the transfer material
- **30 pts** | Quality of the scientific message for the intended audience, including appropriateness of simplification level
- **15 pts** | Originality and innovative nature of the transfer activity
- **10 pts** | Applicant's individual contribution to the activity

Requirements:

Applicants must have **actively participated** in Op+lait's training and networking activities.

Documents to Submit:

1. The **Knowledge Transfer Award Application Form** (available on www.oplait.org), to be completed with your supervisor's assistance.
2. A **copy of all transfer materials produced**, including **web links and evidence of public viewership or engagement**.

Complete applications must be submitted to Josée Labrie by email (josee.labrie@umontreal.ca) **no later than October 1, 2026**.