

Dear CCUBC Committee,

Attached is my application for the CCUBC Science Promotion Award. I am choosing to nominate myself for this award in reflection of my work on GradCast, the official podcast and radio show of the Society of Graduate Students at Western University.

I am a second-year PhD student in the department of biology at Western University. I joined GradCast during my MSc as an interview host and producer in 2021, then was elected Managing Editor and chair of the editorial board in May 2022 and was re-elected in May 2023. During this tenure, I have worked with the committee to create podcast episodes featuring the work of graduate students at Western. We produce lay-audience-friendly content highlighting the current work being done at our university. GradCast is interdisciplinary: approximately half of our show comprises biology topics; we also interview students from diverse departments on campus.

Since our podcast reaches members of our London ON community and beyond, my body of work here fits well with the criteria for this award. We promote science education through our episodes by broadcasting graduate student research on the radio (Radio Western 94.9FM) and our podcasting platforms (@gradcastradio) to people who might not otherwise hear it. The goal of GradCast is simple: bring research at “Western to the World”.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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