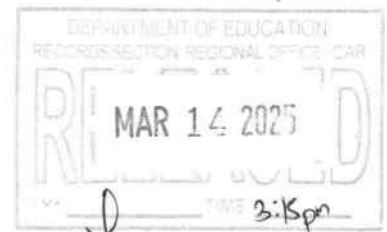




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



March 11, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 191-2025

MEDALLA 4.0: NATIONAL ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

To: Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendent
School Health Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. This office disseminates an invitation from UP Pre-Medical Society – Baguio to junior and senior students in Cordillera Administrative Region for the upcoming National Academic and Public Health Conference scheduled to take place on March 29, 2025, at University of the Philippines Baguio and the registration would be open until March 26, 2025
2. Attached is the request letter, event profile, registration fee, schedule and general guidelines for details.
3. Participation to this activity is personal and on a voluntary basis. All expenses shall be shouldered by the participants and subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in the DepEd Order No.9, s.2005 titled: "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on Task and ensuring Compliance Therewith."
4. For further inquiries, you may contact Sophia Mae Esguerra at 09104816110. You may also email at medalla2.organizingcommittee@gmail.com or message in Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MEDALLA.UPPMSBaguio.
5. Immediate dissemination and of compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

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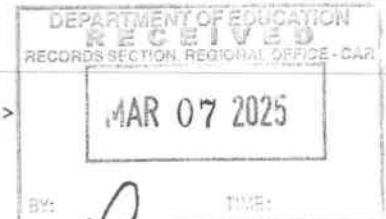


**Re: MEDALLA 4.0: CAR- DepEd Endorsement Letter**

From MEDALLA Conference UPPMS Baguio <medalla2.organizingcommittee@gmail.com>

Date Fri 3/7/2025 9:07 AM

To DEPED CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION <car@deped.gov.ph>



Good day!

The MEDALLA committee would like to follow up on our request for the approval of the endorsement letter from your office. This would be massively helpful in catalyzing the participation of junior and senior school students from your region.

Furthermore, due to unforeseen circumstances, the MEDALLA 4.0 will be moved to **March 29, 2025** and the **registration would be open** until **March 26, 2025**. This is to allow all participating students and staff to have ample time to prepare for the event.

The committee apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused and we are still hoping to see you there! If there are any concerns and questions, feel free to contact us in this email or in our facebook account <https://www.facebook.com/MEDALLA.UPPMSBaguio>.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

Yours in giving life,
Janah Angelika Antonio
MEDALLA 4.0 Project Head

Isabel Angeline Cabacungan
MEDALLA 4.0 Project Head
UP Pre-Medical Society Baguio

On Fri, Feb 28, 2025 at 8:11 AM DEPED CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION <car@deped.gov.ph> wrote:

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Sir/Madam,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email. Your email shall be routed to the concerned personnel for proper action.

Thank you very much.

Your feedback matters to us. Help us improve our services by answering this [feedback form](#).

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February 28, 2025

DR. ESTELA P. LEON-CARIÑO

Regional Director

Department of Education- CAR

Greetings!

The **UP Pre-Medical Society - Baguio** is a duly-recognized academic and socio-civic organization, in the University of the Philippines Baguio that focuses on encouraging and achieving excellence by fostering academic and social growth locally and even beyond, while also being able to promote a wider understanding and awareness of societal issues that the country is facing.

On this account, the UP Pre-Medical Society - Baguio presents the fourth installment of **MEDALLA**, a national academic and public health conference consisting of different academic competitions and lecture series pooling the country's best minds. This event allows junior and senior high school students to showcase their social and cultural skills and promote public health awareness with the goal to enhance their skills in different ways. The conference would include competition and lecture series discussing different topics in relation to medicine and public health.

The term "MEDALLA" translates to "medal" in Ilocano, which symbolizes the award that is often given or awarded to winners for recognition. The UP-Pre-Medical strives to acknowledge and recognize the achievements and contributions of every participant, while maintaining honor and excellence in the face of ongoing crises.

Academic competitions include **Public Health Opinion Writing, Science and Health Writing, Poster Making, Medical Trivia Quiz Bee, Impromptu Speech** and the **Science Investigatory Project**. Additionally, we will also be conducting lecture series, with topics to be later announced on our official Facebook pages.

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This year's **MEDALLA 4.0: National Academic and Public Health Conference** bears the theme: "*One Health, One Future: Uniting Medicine*", which will take place on **March 8, 2025**, at the **University of the Philippines Baguio**. Registration opens on **February 25, 2025**.

UP Pre-Medical Society - Baguio invites you to participate in this commitment and kindly support us as we are seeking endorsement from your good office, and disseminate this information to schools. Taking part in the said event will contribute positively to the academic, non-academic and professional engagements of the student and faculty staff. We express our sincerest and deepest appreciation for your help.

Rest assured that your support will be thoroughly recognized all throughout the event duration. Attached is the event primer containing the guidelines and mechanics, program, and registration procedure. For any inquiries, we will gladly discuss these at your convenience. Feel free to email us at medalla2.organizingcommittee@gmail.com or check our event FaceBook page in www.facebook.com/MEDALLA.UPPMSBaguio for more updates.

Sincerely,

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Noted by:

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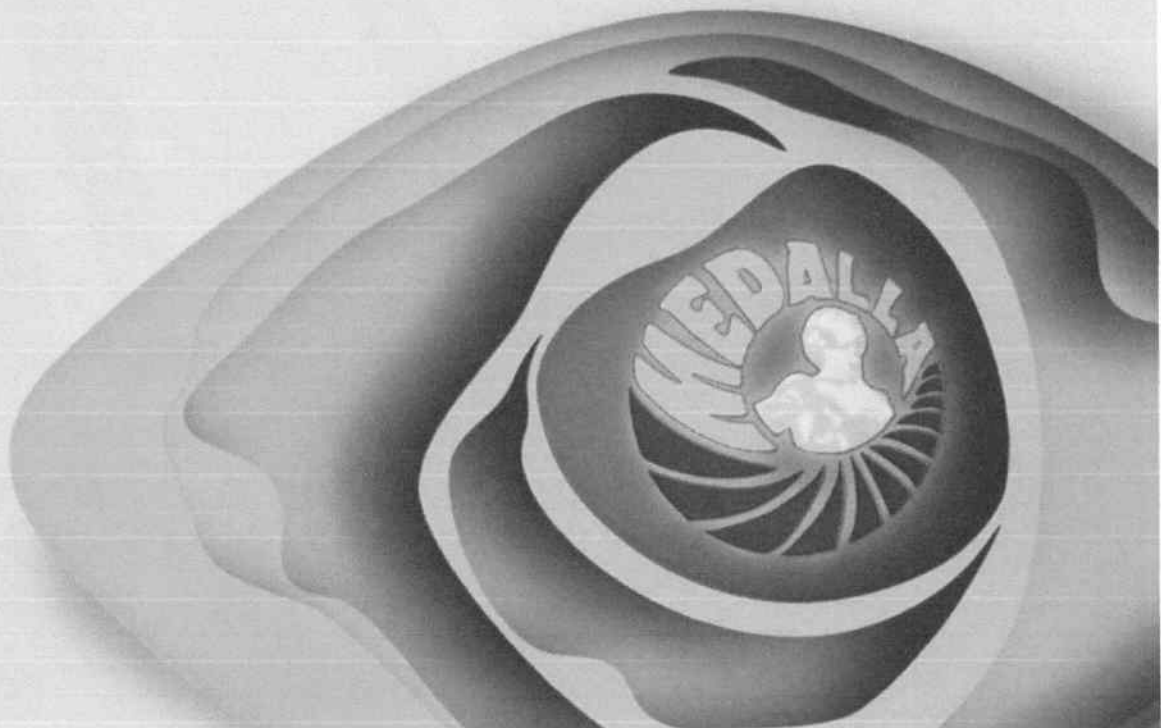
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**NATIONAL ACADEMIC AND
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EVENT PROFILE

“ONE HEALTH, ONE FUTURE: UNITING MEDICINE, ENVIRONMENT, AND SOCIETY”

MEDALLA is a national academic and public health conference consisting of different academic competitions and lecture series pooling the country's best minds. It aims to promote students' intellectual, social, cultural, and public health awareness through an interscholastic competition and lecture series.



MEDALLA is the Ilocano term for “medal”. It pertains to an object that has a commemorative purpose and many are given as awards as a form of recognition. UP Pre-Medical Society - Baguio aims to recognize the purpose of each individual participating in the event while still carrying out honor and excellence amid the current health crisis.

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

UP Pre-Medical Society – Baguio is an academic, special-interest, and socio-civic organization at the University of the Philippines Baguio consisting of young, hardworking, and dedicated individuals from different degree programs, united by a common disposition to take up medicine in the future, who aim to embody the beauty of medicine, in theory, and practice, to contribute to our humanistic growth, and to aid the community. Moreover, we embark on relevant projects that aim to assist our fellowmen. These include **AIDSducation**, a free testing clinic, and **CompassionAID**, our outreach program. We also venture to nurture excellence in different aspects through events such as **MEDALLA**, **NMAT Initiative**, and **MEDBOX**. Through this, we are able to build a life out of the given time in transition to a medical career in pursuit of developing the whole human being.

SCHEDULE

Time	Activity/Event		
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration		
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Opening Ceremony		
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Lecture		
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Snack Break		
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Room Assignment and Instructions		
10:15 AM - 12:30 PM	Investigatory Project	Medical Trivia Quiz Bee	Science & Health Writing Public Health Opinion Writing
12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Lunch Break		
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Investigatory Project	Traditional Poster Making	Impromptu Speech
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Short Break		
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Closing and Awarding Ceremony		

REGISTRATION

Individual Competition	Fee (per contestant)
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Public Health Opinion Writing

PHP 120

Science & Health Writing

PHP 120

Traditional Poster Making

PHP 120

Impromptu Speech

PHP 120

Medical Quiz Bee

PHP 120

Team Competition

Fee (per contestant)

12:30 PM -1:30 PM

PHP 100

GENERAL GUIDELINES

ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

A. THE MEDALLA COMMITTEE

The **MEDALLA Committee** is the highest policy- and decision-making body of MEDALLA. It shall be headed by the Vice President for Special Projects of UP Pre-Medical Society - Baguio and Executive for Education and Culture of UP NAMNAMA - BAGUIO, and composed by the appointed steering committee heads, and the members of the Executive Committee of each organization.

B. STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee shall oversight the progress of the project; provide advice, support and guidance to ensure the delivery of the project outputs and the achievement of the project outcomes.

PARTICIPATION

A. SCHOOLS AND CONTESTANTS

1. Any bona fide students from Junior High School and Senior High School he/ she will be representing are qualified to compete in the contest.
2. Individual certification attesting the contestants' enrollment in their respective schools or their school IDs shall be required upon registration.
3. No limit of the number of contestants per school shall be employed.
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participants and/or teams (for group competitions) to represent and compete in each category of the contests. But each participant shall only choose to join and participate in one (1) competition and shall not join other competitions aside from the chosen competition.

B. ADVISERS

1. The advisers must be a faculty member of his/her participating school supported by proper documentation (i.e faculty ID).
2. Aside from the contestants, only he/she may be the only representative of the Junior High School and/or Senior High School who can file protests or complaints to the board of judges, if appropriate.
3. The adviser shall be the only representative of the school who shall participate in decision making regarding special cases.

NOTE: Participants may or may not choose to have an adviser upon registration and the entirety of the competition as this will not be determinant for disqualification.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

DECISION MAKING

A. THE BOARD OF JUDGES (BOJ)

1. Each contest shall have a BOJ composed of two (2) reputable judges, academic personnel, and/or members of the organization who possess knowledge, skills, and expertise relevant for each contest.
2. The BOJ shall decide on all protests or complaints filed by any coach/adviser/contestant in all the events in the competition.
3. All decisions made by the BOJ are final and irrevocable.

COMPETITIONS

A. INDIVIDUAL

1. Public Health Opinion Writing
2. Science and Health Writing
3. Poster Making
4. Impromptu Speech
5. Medical Trivia Quiz Bee

B. GROUP

1. Investigatory Project

LECTURE

All contestants are expected to be in the venue proper an hour before the contest itself, and fifteen (15) minutes before the starting time. The lecture series for this year will be conducted face-to-face on March 8, 2025. It is part of the opening ceremony of the event and all participants are required to attend as themes and topics of other contests are based on these lectures. Invited speakers will come from medical and public health backgrounds (physicians, medical students, public health officials, etc.).

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CONTEST GUIDELINES

PUBLIC HEALTH OPINION WRITING

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ELIGIBILITY

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4. The medium of writing for both divisions is either in **straight English or Filipino only**.
5. Essay must be **original**, not previously published in print or online.
6. Entries must be the work of **one person only** and not be a collective work of more than one person.
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PUBLIC HEALTH OPINION WRITING

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JUDGING CRITERIA

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2. All posters must be in **portrait** orientation.
3. Participants are given only **two (2) hours** to create and submit the entries.
4. The participant must prepare their own illustration board and art materials such as colored pencils, oil pastels, paints, watercolors, and the like. All materials will be checked before the start of the contest to ensure that the illustration board is blank.
5. All elements of the poster must be original and be made from scratch. Any form of plagiarism, including but not limited to the use of reference images, is subject to disqualification.
6. The submitted poster must be a single work of original material **created solely** by the **contestant**.
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GUIDELINES

1. The impromptu speech contest will be conducted face-to-face at University of the Philippines Baguio.
 - a. The room for the said competition will be announced on March 08, 2025 before the kickstart of all the contests.
 - b. The schedule for this contest will be from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Late participants are automatically disqualified.
2. Participants should attend the opening lecture series as the topic for the contest will solely be based on it.
3. Contestants must wear business casual/ semi-formal attire/ school uniform during the event.
4. The order of performance shall be determined by a randomizer before the contest proper.
5. Each contestant will enter the room based on the generated order of performance. The remaining contestants shall wait in the waiting area/room.
 - a. Once the contestant enters the performance room, he/she is not allowed to go out anymore (i.e. use the restroom, talk to adviser/coach, etc.). The contestant will only be allowed to exit the room after his/her speech.
 - b. After the contestant's speech, he/she is not allowed to enter the waiting area/room anymore.
6. The topic shall be flashed in the Television once the contestant is settled. Each contestant shall be given only one (1) minute to prepare and organize his/her thoughts, and another five (5) minutes to deliver it.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH

7. The contestant shall not bring any of his/her gadget in the performance room. The contestant is allowed to only bring a clean paper and a pen.
8. A signal will be given to signify the last minute of their speaking time.
One (1) point deduction will be given for every 30 seconds consumed beyond the allotted time.
9. The speech must be original. The speech can be delivered using the English language only.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

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CONTENT The speech exhibits clarity and appropriateness to what is being asked. Ideas are properly elaborated and fleshed out. The discussion is substantial and relevant. There are concrete examples, given as necessary, and the ideas are sensible, logical, and chronological to the layman.	45%
STYLE The speaker exhibits a mastery of the language as manifested in the language (wording and phrasing) of the speech. It is not highfalutin, but also not shallow. It shows depth in expression and thought.	25%
DELIVERY AND PRESENCE The speaker has confidence and conviction in delivering the speech. They are seen with resolve after delivering the speech. They are convincing and felt by the members of the audience and board of judges	20%
ORIGINALITY The speaker dares to go beyond conventions and commonly accepted ideas. The speech is authentic and timely.	15%
TOTAL	100%

IMPROMPTU SPEECH

1. The final ranking shall be based on the **average rank** garnered by the contestants.
2. **In case of a tie**, the decision shall be based on the **first criterion** (Content).
 - a. If it fails to break the tie, the **next criterion** (Unity and Coherence) shall be used, and so on until no more ties exist.
 - b. If the tie still exists after using all the criteria, another topic shall be given. The above rules shall be used.
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RULES & MECHANICS

1. The contest shall be divided into two (2) categories:
 - a. Category 1: Qualitative Research Category
 - b. Category 2: Quantitative Research Category
2. Each category shall have **3 winners (2 runner-ups, and 1 champion)**, which will be declared after the contest.
3. The organizers shall only entertain clarifications regarding the Rules and Mechanics of the competition **BEFORE** the submission of entries. No more concerns will be addressed after the submission.
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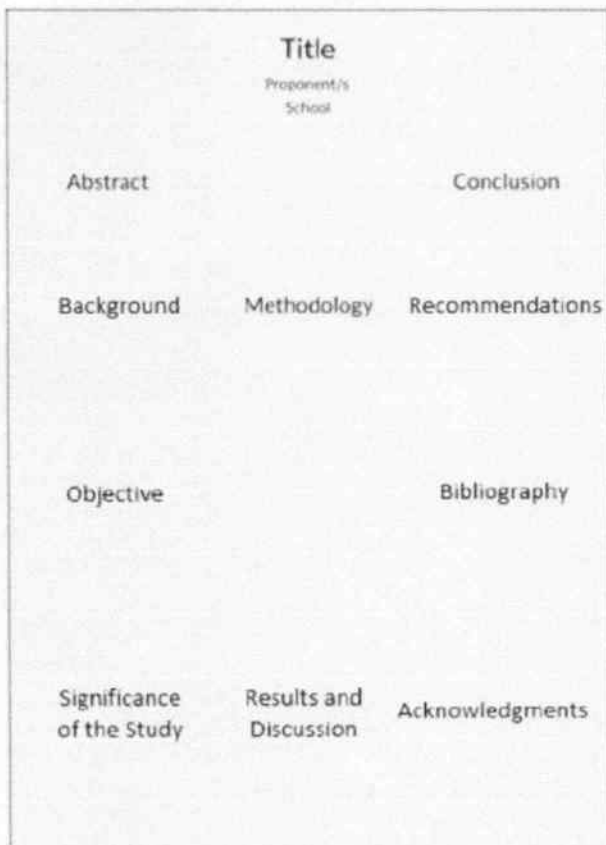
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GUIDELINES

1. Participants shall form a team consisting of a **maximum of 3 members**.
2. Each team must create and present their own research. The chosen studies to be judged must be under the Life Sciences.
 - a. The research may either be Quantitative Research or Qualitative Research
3. The research paper should be prepared and available for submission.
4. Summary of the research shall be placed on a soft copy of A0 33.11 x 46.811-inch display board, which will be presented on a TV Screen.
5. The contents of the research display board shall include the following:
 - a. Title of the study
 - b. Abstract (Maximum of 250 words)
 - c. Background of the study
 - d. Objectives
 - e. Significance of the Study
 - f. Methodology
 - g. Results and Discussion
 - h. Conclusion and Recommendation
 - i. Bibliography
 - j. Acknowledgements

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Display Board Layout



6. All contents of the research display board, including images, diagrams, and figures, **must fit well within the dimensions** of the display board material. The texts must also be **legible and well organized**.

7. You may create and/or edit your entries using **any editing platform** such as, but not limited to, professional editing software and applications like **illustrator, canva, publisher, and the likes**.

8. Entries must be created using the best settings of the editing platform, must be saved as a **.pdf, .jpeg or .png file, and shall not exceed 1 GB**.

9. All display boards must be in **portrait orientation**.

10. Participants are also expected to **prepare for a presentation on March 08, 2025 at the University of the Philippines Baguio**.

a. It is the participants' discretion whether to use their display board entries to present or prepare other forms of presentation such as powerpoint presentation, slideshare, etc.

b. Among the members, a **minimum of one (1) and maximum of three (3)** may present the research.

c. Each team shall only be given **15 minutes to present** their research, and an additional **5 minutes will be allotted for the questions**.

d. The room assignment will be announced on **March 08, 2025 before the kickstart of all the contests**.

11. Past research papers/works from no more than two years ago are permitted.

12. Participants must submit their display board **before the start of the contest proper**. The deadline for research display board entries is on **March 03, 2025 at 12:00 midnight**. Late submission will not be accepted and presentations will not be considered. This is inline with the posting of each entry in our Official Facebook Page as **social media engagement is part of the criteria**.

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DISQUALIFICATION

Participants and submitted essay will be **AUTOMATICALLY disqualified** if:

1. The whole or part of the material submitted is plagiarized and/or fabricated.
2. The research is not the students' own study.
3. The research submitted is not under or aligned to the life sciences.
4. The research was conducted or finished more than two years ago.

DISQUALIFICATION

Participants and submitted essay will be **AUTOMATICALLY disqualified** if:

1. One (1) submission for each group. One (1) group member from the team may submit their research paper and display board.
2. Submission of all entries is through **Google Forms** which can be accessed through these links:

For **Qualitative Research**:
https://forms.gle/z5TCSXwbQd9p_oQnN9

For **Quantitative Research**:
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The file name of the entry (in .pdf, .jpeg or .png file format) for the research display board must follow the format:

<Research Topic>_
<Category>_<Display Board>

(e.g. Factors Affecting Brain Drain_Quantitative Research_Display Board).

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<Research Topic>_
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5. A reply will be sent to you through text or email within 24 hours after your submission to confirm your successful entry.
6. Proper credits will be given to the contestant.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

The judging criteria are as follows:

INTERVIEW/PRESENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to answer questions• Voice projection and good articulation• Clarity of thoughts• Completion of the presentation within the allotted time	20%
ORIGINALITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creativity, timeliness and innovativeness• Presents new approach and/or knowledge• Improves existing work, information, or product• Studies under-researched areas	20%
LOGICAL INVESTIGATION AND USE OF PROPER TECHNIQUES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses correct statistical and/or experimental methods• Procedures are reproducible, consistent, and feasible• Provides reliable and valid data• Procedure and analysis are systematic	10%
POSITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES/RESULTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives are achieved• Interventions or theoretical outcomes are significant and effective• Results demonstrate relevance to the problems presented• Environmental, social, and medical impact	20%
EVIDENCE OF RESEARCH PLAN/LITERATURE SEARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of reliable and ample sources• Information from literatures is applied appropriately• Research plan is empirical and organized	20%
SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project catches the attention and interests of the public (will be based on the number of likes, comments, and shares.)	20%
TOTAL	100%

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GUIDELINES

1. The quiz bee shall be conducted **face-to-face at the University of the Philippines Baguio**. Room assignments will be announced **before** the kickstart of all contests.
2. Each group must bring their own whiteboard and whiteboard marker. If not possible, the group can use clean bond papers and a marker as an alternative.
3. The quiz bee shall compose the following categories:
 - a. **Easy Round**: two (2) point per question
 - i. Will be composed with ten (10) questions;
 - b. **Average Round**: three (3) points per question
 - i. Will be composed with ten (10) questions
 - c. **Difficult Round**: five (5) points per question
 - i. Will be composed with ten (10) questions
4. Questions will be **read by the quiz master** and will be **flashed on a TV screen**. For the easy, average, and difficult rounds, the contestants will be given a total of **20 seconds, 30 seconds and 45 seconds** respectively to think and finalize their answers.
5. Each group is advised to minimize their noise. The use of any technologies is strictly prohibited.
6. Answers shall be written on a white board or paper and should be only shown after the quiz master says **"Go"**.

MEDICAL TRIVIA QUIZ BEE

7. Contestants may only raise their complaints and/or clarifications **before the next question**, and shall be addressed by the Board of Judges accordingly.
 - a. **Credible and concrete sources** must be presented to back claims for errors in the questions. Online sources may be stated as well, except for Wikipedia and similar sources. (**NOTE:** The presentation of such sources does not guarantee the validity of claims, for the error may be on the part of the source.)
8. The **final ranking** shall be based on the **total combined scores** of each participant in all rounds.
9. In case of a tie, **clincher questions** will be asked to the contestants involved.
10. The **three (3) contestants** with the highest overall scores shall be awarded as the winners of the Medical Trivia Quiz Bee.

Note: All three rounds will have a total of 100 points.

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