

Scinapse 2025-2026 USCC Information Breakdown

This document provides detailed information on the next steps of getting involved with the Undergraduate Science Case Competition (USCC) hosted by Scinapse Canada.

What is Scinapse?

Scinapse Canada is a non-profit organization consisting of student leaders from universities across Canada. Every year, Scinapse holds the USCC, which is hosted at the University of Ottawa with the support of uOttawa's Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine. This event serves to provide undergraduate students with an opportunity to delve into the world of research, through the creation of a novel research proposal on the year's selected topic.

This year's Scinapse USCC topic is: **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH!**

How does the conference work?

The USCC is an Ontario wide competition where groups of 2-4 attempt to create an innovative solution for a global problem through developing novel scientific ideas.

Round 1 consists of a written research proposal and Round 2 consists of a scientific poster presentation at the University of Ottawa, with the support of uOttawa's Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine. Only the top 10 teams in each division qualify for Round 2!

This written research proposal will be a maximum of 1000 words (excluding the abstract), and will be divided into the following sections:

- Abstract (250 words maximum)
- Scientific Background
- Research Hypothesis
- Methodology
- Optional: Conclusion

The poster presentation will contain the same content as the proposal, but in a scientific poster format to be presented multiple times to judges in Ottawa.

**THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATION MEETING FOLLOWING READING WEEK
TO CLARIFY ANY QUESTIONS AND MOVE ON TO NEXT STEPS**

The competition is split into two divisions: lower division (1st and 2nd year students) and upper division (3rd and 4th year students). More information can also be found on the Scinapse website: <https://scinapsescience.com/uscc/>.

If you are interested in registering, whether or not you have a team, **please fill out this [form](#)** so we can gauge an understanding of Queen's participation levels. If you are ready to officially register your team, refer to the link mentioned below.

Important Dates:

Registration is open from **October 1st to October 30th at 11:59 pm EST.** Please make sure to choose your teams and register on the Scinapse website before the deadline. **Only one person from each team needs to register.** [Register here!](#) The registration price is **\$80** per team. Please let us know as early as possible if you require financial assistance.

Round 1: November 1st (Case Package Released) - November 22nd, 2025 (Submission)

Round 2: March 20th - March 22th, 2025.

Overall, the USCC is a great opportunity to start your journey in research and provides an invaluable experience that serves as an excellent foundation for future opportunities!