



ODHA NEW GRAD ADVISORY PANEL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PURPOSE:

New graduates of dental hygiene programs have unique needs that can be supported through a targeted initiative by the association. The primary goal of the New Grad Advisory Panel will be the identification of strategies to support dental hygiene students and new graduates working as registered dental hygienists.

TERM:

The term is two years, renewable once.

CRITERIA:

The applicant must:

1. Be a member of the ODHA.
2. Be a recent graduate (i.e. no more than two years post-graduation at the time of applying).
3. Work in Ontario.
4. Possess leadership qualities, ideally demonstrated through previous volunteer or work commitments.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Advisory panel members will agree to:

1. Attend a maximum of two to three virtual meetings per year.
2. Review the association's existing resources for recent graduates and provide input on new resources.
3. Assist in identifying trends and areas of concern and/or interest for dental hygiene students and recent graduates.
4. Provide input on networking and communication opportunities for new graduates.
5. Help to drive student and recent graduate engagement with ODHA's new graduate-focused content by interacting with ODHA posts on approved communication and networking platforms.

BENEFITS:

Advisory panel members will gain:

- Leadership experience to include on their resumes.
- Opportunity to effect change in partnership with ODHA and to be a voice for their peers.
- Experience in how organizations create resources, collect feedback, encourage consensus and implement changes.
- Opportunity to connect with other panel members in an exchange of ideas and experiences.