



January 12, 2019

Dear Biology Educator,

Your school is invited to participate in the 2019 Canadian Biology Olympiad/Les Olympiades Canadiennes de Biologie (CBO/ OCB). The CBO/OCB is a national program of student enrichment in the biological sciences. The top four performing students in the CBO/OCB competition are invited to represent Canada at the 30th annual International Biology Olympiad (IBO) to be held in Szeged, Hungary in July 2019. The 2019 CBO/OCB is open to high school students in all provinces (high school and first year CGEP for students from Quebec) who are Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants.

The CBO/OCB competition is a two round contest. Round one is the submission of a Skills Portfolio. The second round is participation in the University of Toronto National Biology Competition. Final placing is based upon the results from both the Skills Portfolio and the University of Toronto competition. Please ensure you have your school registered for the CBO/OCB as well as for the University of Toronto Competition (see important dates below).

Please note that the laboratory portfolio is due by April 18, 2019 and the University of Toronto Biology Competition exam is on April 25, 2019.

The selected students will also have to attend a National Skills Training camp held from July 7th to 11th (details will be posted on web site) and the IBO will be held Szeged, Hungary from July 14rd to 21nd, 2019.

We currently have no sponsorship/bursary available to help cover the cost of going to the IBO should students earn a position on Team Canada.

Key Dates:

School Registration: Until March 8, 2019

Portfolio Submission: Until April 18, 2019

U of T Biology Competition: April 25, 2019 (register by March 8, 2019)

National Skills Training Camp: July 7-11, 2019

International Biology Olympiad: July 14-21, 2019, Szeged, Hungary

To register your school:

1. Fill out the school registration form.
2. Send a cheque/ money order for \$35.00 (payable to Canadian Biology Olympiad) to:

Dr. Sylvie Bardin
Canadian Biology Olympiad
UOIT Faculty of Science
2000 Simcoe Street North
Oshawa, ON, L1H 7K4

School registration must be sent by March 8, 2019 to ensure participation in the competition.

Note that the registration fee mentioned above, does not cover registration or payment for student's participation at the University of Toronto – National Biology Competition, or the costs associated with the training camps or the IBO.

For more information, please contact the email below, or go to the CBO/OCB website (www.canadianbiologyolympiad.ca). Details regarding the training camp will be provided on the website.

Yours Truly,

The CBO 2019 organizing committee

Contact: Admin@canadianbiologyolympiad.ca; www.canadianbiologyolympiad.ca