



Program Guidelines

What are the program objectives?

Research *SKETCHES* aims to translate AllerGen-funded research into simple, accessible **clear language summaries** and to disseminate these findings to a broad lay audience.

Who can apply?

Current or former AllerGen HQP who have **co-authored** a paper from an AllerGen-funded research study that has been **published, or submitted for publication, in a peer-reviewed journal**.

What is a Research *SKETCH*?

An AllerGen Research *SKETCH* is a short (one- to two-page) clear-language summary of AllerGen research that answers:

- what is the research about?
- what did the researchers do?
- what did they find?
- how can the research be used?

Who is the audience?

AllerGen Research *SKETCHES* are created for a **non-scientific audience**, including the general public, patient organizations and advocacy groups, healthcare professionals, policymakers and outside researchers.

The summaries are written at a grade 10 level. Wherever possible, they are targeted to policymakers and decision makers to enable uptake of research results leading to impact or changes in policies, practice and programs.

Research *SKETCHES* will be placed **on-line, free** for everyone to read.

How are papers selected?

Papers are selected based on the following criteria:

- novel findings
- clear audience for uptake of key messages
- high potential for end-user impact

Note: Papers must be AllerGen-supported research published, or submitted for publication, in a peer-reviewed journal by an AllerGen investigator.

Who writes the Research *SKETCH*?

The applicant will write the Research *SKETCH* to ensure scientific accuracy. HQP will receive training and editing support from the Administrative Centre.

HQP will receive a \$500 award upon completion of a Research *SKETCH*.



How do I apply?

- 1: Complete the one-page Research *SKETCHES* application.
- 2: Submit application to AllerGen Administrative Centre.

You will be notified if your paper is selected to become a Research *SKETCH*.

What is the process?

- 1: Applications will be reviewed and selected through a competitive process.
- 2: Once an application is selected, the HQP is recruited to write the *SKETCH* and added to the production schedule.
- 3: HQP receives training in clear-language writing from the Administrative Centre.

- 4: HQP submits a draft Research *SKETCH* to the Administrative Centre.
- 5: Administrative Centre edits the draft or returns draft to the HQP for revisions prior to editing.
- 6: HQP and publication PI approve final, edited draft.
- 7: Research *SKETCH* is formatted, published online and disseminated to target audiences.
- 8: HQP receives \$500 award.

AllerGen Research *SKETCHES* will be concise, clear and free of jargon.

They will highlight **why** the work was done, **how** it was done, **what** was discovered, and **how** it can be used.

Share your research **BEYOND** the walls of a peer-reviewed journal

Gain experience in clear language writing

Add Research *SKETCHES* writing to your CV

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Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

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Name of Applicant:		Institution:	
Email:		Level of Study/Position:	
Supervisor:		Supervisor's Email:	
Paper title:		Publication Date:	
Journal:		PubMed ID or other url	

Please answer the following questions.

What are the “so what?” take-away messages from your research? (200 words or less)

Which audience(s) can use your research?

How will your research impact these audiences? (200 words or less)

Signature:

Date:

AllerGen PI Signature:

Date: