



Erin Smith, DOHaD Society Trainee Representative applicant

I am beginning my second year PhD studies with the perinatal and developmental physiology group, Department of Paediatrics & Child Health, University of Otago, NZ. For the past seven years, I ran a non-profit website (www.imprintedlegacy.com) in my own time to share the message of DOHaD with the general public in a way they could understand. I was able to accomplish this because I am highly motivated, passionate about DOHaD, an excellent communicator of ideas, and remain actively engaged in interdisciplinary networking. These skills have allowed me to collaborate with other scientists, physicians and public health departments, host webinars and co-host live events providing supportive resources, and managed closed Facebook groups. I believe I would bring a range of skills and abilities and hopefully new perspectives to the DOHaD organization. Furthermore, I would like to help DOHaD trainees gain more opportunities to advance their career and support them in remaining inspired and driven throughout their journey as a Trainee Representative.