

## **Call for Additional Abstracts**

The Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities will be held in collaboration with the 2016 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program, with the theme of “A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities.” The mission of the conference is to focus on policies, research interventions, and programs that address prevention, social determinants, and personal responsibility in reducing health disparities and promoting health equity and environmental justice.

The Conference invites student submissions for a poster session. The session will be included in a Student Research Forum that will also include student roundtable discussions, a keynote address, and dynamic interactive workshops.

Preferred abstracts will relate to the full range of health disparities and environmental health in the basic sciences, clinical sciences, population/behavioral/social sciences and environmental sciences. Students are strongly encouraged to focus on one or more of the following areas: cancer; cardiovascular disease; diabetes; environmental health; human trafficking/human enslavement; and infectious diseases.

### **Basic Sciences**

Preferred abstract submissions will report on research related to biological factors that contribute to health disparities.

### **Clinical Sciences**

Preferred abstract submissions will reflect a broad range of clinical science research on health disparities and environmental health.

## **Population Sciences/Behavioral Sciences/Social Sciences**

Preferred abstract submissions will address the reduction of health disparities through the scientific study of the epidemiologic, translational, behavioral, social, political, and economic contexts of disparities.

## **Environmental Sciences**

Preferred abstract submissions will address environmental exposures and triggers, e.g., air pollution and respiratory health, proximity to hazardous waste, and other conditions that affect health and communities.

The Call for Abstracts is open to all high school, undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Students from minority serving institutions such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUPs) are strongly encouraged to apply.

No more than 100 abstracts will be selected for poster presentation. Tiered travel awards to support hotel and conference registration fees will be available on a **limited** basis. **The conference will take place March 9-12, 2016 in Washington, DC. The Student Research Forum will take place on March 9, 2016.**

**Outstanding abstracts will be chosen for oral presentation and each oral presenter will receive a cash award. Cash prizes will also be awarded to the top-ranked student poster presentations.**

Please review the abstract submission guidelines prior to beginning the submission process: <http://nationalhealthdisparities.com/>.

To submit your abstract, please access the following link: <http://nationalhealthdisparities.com/>

Abstracts must have a maximum of 250 words.

### **Key dates related to the abstract submission process:**

- **The deadline for the Call for Additional Abstract submissions is midnight December 31, 2015.**
- **Abstracts will be evaluated by a Review Committee in January 2016.**
- **Notification of abstract acceptance and selection for travel award will be sent by February 5, 2016.**

### **Contact Us**

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