



Call For Abstracts (Student Research Forum)

The *2016 National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program* will be held in collaboration with the *Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities*, with the theme of “A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities.” The mission of the Joint 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 Joint Conference invites student submissions for a poster session as part of a Student Research Forum that will include the poster session, student roundtable discussions, keynote address, and a dynamic interactive workshop.

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, 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. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top-ranked student poster and oral 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/>.

Key dates related to the abstract submission process:

- **The deadline for abstract submissions is midnight September 30, 2015.**
- **Abstracts will be evaluated by a Review Committee October 1 – October 30, 2015.**
- **Notification of abstract acceptance will be sent by December 1, 2015.**

Contact Us

For any abstract-related questions and/or comments, email Student Research Forum Chair Dr. Marvella Ford at fordmar@musc.edu.