

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2012 Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities is now accepting abstracts for program sessions. All abstracts must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 15, 2012.

The Summit is organized around the core principle of integrating science, policy, and practice, and offers a forum to advance scholarship and translate new knowledge into action.

Presentation Categories

Abstracts will be accepted in three categories: posters, oral presentations, and integrated panel presentations. Applicants may submit abstracts to more than one category, but each submission must be based on a separate research project. Additional information about each category is available below.

Poster Presentations

Abstracts accepted in this category will be presented during the poster session on either November 1st or November 2nd, 2012. You will receive further details about the scheduled presentation date if your abstract is accepted.

Word Limit: Please limit poster abstracts to 300 words.

Oral Presentations

Oral presentations will take place in a roundtable panel format. Each panel will have an assigned moderator in order to promote dialogue and stimulate discussion. Abstracts that are accepted for oral presentations will be presented as concurrent sessions. There is also the option of submitting an abstract in this category with the option to be considered for a poster presentation if the abstract is not accepted for oral presentation.

Word Limit: Please limit oral presentation abstracts to 300 words.

Integrated Panel Presentations

Integrated panel presentations are designed to allow a group of presenters from diverse disciplines (i.e., Science, Practice, and Policy) to discuss health disparities and related findings on a similar theme. Abstracts for this category should focus on science, practice, policy, and include a community component or discuss societal issues that influence health disparities.

Word Limit: Please limit integrated panel presentation abstracts to 500 words. This should also include the presentation title for each panelist.

Presentation Tracks

Proposals, regardless of category, should also fall under one of three tracks:

Track 1: Translational and Transdisciplinary Research

These presentations should promote the integration of science, practice and policy.

- **Science** or research abstracts might include basic and applied, health services, patient-oriented, epidemiological, environmental, behavioral, and social sciences research related to health disparities.
- **Policy-oriented** abstracts delve into policies linked to health or healthcare, or other areas impacting health such as public, social, and economic policies.

- **Practice** abstracts examine public health practice related to community health, healthcare, or social services delivery, and education and training.

Applicants must clearly articulate how findings lead to new knowledge in science, practice, or policy interventions in health disparities. For example, policy abstracts should include the scientific evidence or practice concept that led to the policy. If the submission is a science abstract, then applicants should indicate how the science translates into either practice or policy.

Themes: The following themes fall under Track 1: Translational and Transdisciplinary Research

- Integrating Biological, Social, Behavioral and Environmental Determinants of Health
- Health Disparity Populations, Disease Conditions and Risk Factors
- Primary Prevention and Health
- Discrimination, Racism and Stress
- Healthcare Disparities and Quality Research
- Best Practices and Approaches for Community Engagement
- Health Information Technology
- Global Population Health

Track 2: Capacity-Building and Infrastructure

Abstracts submitted under Track 2: Capacity-Building and Infrastructure, will explore the challenges and opportunities associated with building capacity for research, public health and primary care practice, services delivery, training, and education. These presentations will also investigate the implementation and sustainability of infrastructure and economic development in disparate communities.

Themes: The following themes fall under Track 2: Capacity-Building and Infrastructure

- Multi-sectoral Capacity-Building
- Health Workforce
- Community Capacity-Building and Sustainable Economic Development
- Data and Research Evaluation

Track 3: Outreach, Partnerships, Collaborations, and Opportunities

Eliminating health disparities requires effective outreach, partnerships, and collaborations across federal agencies, academic institutions, foundations, non-profit and private organizations. Track 3: Outreach, Partnerships, Collaborations, and Opportunities, provides a venue for representatives from various agencies and organizations to showcase their innovative partnerships, outreach, and dissemination efforts, including successful collaborations on addressing health disparities.

Themes: The following themes fall under Track 3: Outreach, Partnerships, Collaborations, and Opportunities

- Public Public-Private Partnerships
- Community Partnerships
- Outreach Dissemination
- Global Health Networks

General Guidelines

- Abstracts will be peer reviewed

- Authors must select the track and theme under which their abstracts should be considered. Abstracts may be submitted under only one Summit theme, and must be related to one or more of the topics listed under the selected theme.
- General selection criteria will be based on: (1) quality of abstract; (2) implications for health disparities research, policy, or practice, or its application; (3) new insights for health disparities research or its application; (4) clarity and completeness of abstract; and (5) relevance to specified theme.
- Applicants may submit abstracts to more than one category, but each submission must come from a distinct research project.
- All abstract submissions are final, no changes or modifications will be permitted.

Abstract Awards/Recognition: Abstracts will be considered for recognition in the following award categories: outstanding scientific poster, outstanding policy poster, outstanding public health practice poster, outstanding clinical practice poster, and outstanding community-based health disparities research or intervention poster. Early investigators, junior faculty, community researchers, and policy professionals are eligible for recognition. More details to come.

For additional inquiries, please contact 2012Summit@mail.nih.gov