Call for Research Abstracts

The Community of Colleges, Universities & Research (CUR) and the Assembly of Higher Education (AHE) announce a call for research abstracts for either an oral or poster presentation at the 2020 Annual Conference & Expo in Baltimore, MD.

Selection Criteria for Abstracts
Abstracts will be judged in accordance with the following criteria:

(1) Significance and originality of the research;
(2) purpose and rationale clearly stated;
(3) soundness of the research design/methodology;
(4) findings/results clearly stated;
(5) relevance of the implications and conclusions; and
(6) clarity and organization of written abstract, including meeting all requirements listed below.

Research must be completed at the time of proposal submission. Submissions that do not adhere to the submission requirements will not be reviewed.

Acceptance for presentation, either poster or oral, obligates the author to register for and attend the 2020 AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo. Abstracts from the conference will be published in the proceedings on the Family and Consumer Sciences Research Center website.

Abstract Submission
Poster and/or oral submissions are due by 11:59 PM EST on February 7, 2020. Submissions will be peer-reviewed, and applicants will be notified by mid-March. The submission requires the completion of the online Research Abstract Application and file upload (Microsoft Word format) of two (2) abstracts (one blinded and one with author(s) information). The abstracts should adhere to the specified guidelines.

Abstract Guidelines

An abstract cannot exceed 750 words. Abstracts must be formatted using Times New Roman 12 point font size. Abstracts must include the following (in order):

- Title of the research
- Name(s) of the author(s), and the name(s) of the institution(s) (following each name, in cases of multiple authors) - Indicate the corresponding author with an asterisk (*)
- Purpose
- Rationale
- Methodology (including research design, data collection, and analysis procedures)
- Findings
- Conclusions
- Implications for research and/or practice

NOTE: Strong oral proposals that are not scheduled will be invited to submit a poster presentation or presentation may be requested for poster format as the author(s) first choice.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUBMISSIONS
Sponsored by Community of CUR and the Assembly of Higher Education (AHE)

The Community of Colleges, Universities and Research and the Assembly of Higher Education will also sponsor a graduate student competition to recognize excellence in graduate student research.

Graduate submissions must follow the same submission process and abstract format. The online application form will require the name of the faculty advisor. Graduate research must be completed at the time of presentation.

These are additional requirements for graduate students:
1. Research must be based on a project, such as a thesis or dissertation.
2. Research must have been the primary responsibility of the student.
3. Abstract must be submitted from students who are currently enrolled in a graduate program or will graduate in spring semester 2020.
4. Students receiving recognition must attend the 2020 Annual Conference to make a presentation of the research, either through poster session or oral presentation, depending on the format in which research is accepted.
5. Student winners will be recognized at the time the research is presented or during the poster presentation time period.