The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences
Announces a Call for Research Abstracts for the

109th Annual Conference & Expo: *Cultivating Social and Emotional Competence for Healthy Relationships*

The Community of Colleges, Universities & Research (CUR) announces a call for research abstracts for **either** an oral or poster presentation at the 109th Annual Conference & Expo in Atlanta, Georgia. Preference will be given to proposals that fit the conference theme: *Cultivating Social and Emotional Competence for Healthy Relationships.*

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.

Acceptance for presentation, either poster or oral, obligates the author to register for and attend the AAFCS 109th Annual Conference & Expo. Abstracts from the conference will be published in proceedings on the Family and Consumer Sciences Research Center website.

Abstract Submission

Poster and/or oral submissions are due by 11:59 PM on January 31, 2018. Submissions will be peer-reviewed, and applicants will be notified by mid-March. The submission requires the completion of the online CUR Research Abstract Application and file upload of two (2) abstracts (one blinded and one with author(s) information). The abstracts should adhere to the specified guidelines.

CUR Research Abstract Submission System: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CUR-CFA2018

Abstract Guidelines

An abstract cannot exceed 300 words. Abstracts must be formatted using Times New Roman 12 point font size. Abstracts will be published in proceedings on the Family and Consumer Sciences Research Center website. 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: Due to time constraints, a limited number of oral presentations will be accepted. Strong oral proposals that are not scheduled will be invited to submit a poster presentation. Only one oral presentation per lead author should be submitted and will be reviewed.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

Sponsored by Community of CUR and the Assembly of Higher Education

The Community of CUR and the Assembly of Higher Education will also sponsor a graduate student competition to recognize excellence in graduate student research. First, second, and third place recognitions will be given with the **1st place entry being awarded free registration for the Annual Conference** (Registration will be paid by CUR).

Graduate submissions must follow the same submission process and abstract format. The online application form will require the name of the faculty advisor.

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 have graduated in spring semester 2018.
4. Students receiving recognition must attend the 109th 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.