

SHOWCASE YOUR HEALTH EQUITY WORK!

The Office of Health Equity (OHE) at the Virginia Department of Health invites submissions of abstracts for poster presentation at its inaugural conference, "[Sowing the Seeds of Health Equity: Growing Healthy, Connected Communities](#)." This exciting event will occur at the Delta Hotel in Richmond, Virginia on October 17-18, 2018.

This year's conference will feature panel discussions focused on tackling broad issues in health disparities and inequities in Virginia. A dynamic roster of speakers, presenters and panelist participants will represent a variety of interests and approaches towards improving the health of all Virginians.

We are very excited to highlight the work of both graduate and professional poster presentations as a unique opportunity for students to share their research and findings with both industry leaders and the community at-large.

Students actively enrolled in graduate and professional programs concentrating in social epidemiology, public health, community health, or health disparities are encouraged to submit abstracts relevant to conference topics and emerging public health issues seen throughout the Commonwealth.

Posters will be on display to all conference attendees throughout the first day of the conference and featured during our evening networking reception. We have a request for submitters to stand with the poster and explain their findings to interested conference attendees during the networking reception.

Submission Guidelines:

1. To guarantee review, all abstracts must be received **no later than 5:00 PM EST on September 14, 2018**.
2. Abstracts should be 500 words or less in Times New Roman font.
3. Abstracts must fall into one of three categories: research, clinical application, or extension/outreach.
4. Abstracts must have at least one measureable outcome.
5. Abstracts must contain all of the following: **title, author(s), category, a statement of the problem/background, hypothesis, methodology, results, and interpretation.**
6. Abstracts must be submitted in a .doc file format.
7. A presenter may not submit more than one abstract for the conference.
8. We request that presenters of accepted abstracts who wish to withdraw, inform conference organizers at least two weeks in advance of the conference.

Presentation Guidelines

1. Posters are to measure 48 inches wide by 36 inches tall, mounted on stands.
2. No audiovisual equipment is permitted for poster presentations.
3. Accepted abstracts will be made available on the conference resource website.

Additional Details

1. A formal Letter of Invitation will be issued to the primary presenter upon abstract acceptance.
2. A Certificate of Presentation will be issued and mailed to all presenters by November 22, 2018.

Send completed abstracts via email to Augustine Doe and Kira Walker with the Office of Health Equity at augustine.doe@vdh.virginia.gov and kira.walker@vdh.virginia.gov no later than **5:00 PM EST on September 14, 2018**.

Conference organizers will review the submitted abstracts and send notification via email of our decision to the listed presenter. Feel free to contact Augustine Doe and Kira Walker with questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

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