

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

14th Annual

CROSSROADS INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTH RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Expanding the Horizons of Health

March 11 & 12, 2016

Dalhousie University, Halifax NS

Dalhousie University's School of Health and Human Performance Graduate Student Society formally invites you to the 14th Annual Crossroads Student Conference.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

Designed as an adjudicated, peer-reviewed academic forum for undergraduate, graduate, and professional program students, Crossroads is a unique opportunity for students to showcase and engage in dialogue about their innovative health research. Emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary exchange, the conference welcomes submissions from a wide range of health-related disciplines. The mission of the Crossroads Conference is to advance the understanding of health through interdisciplinary research. Crossroads provides workshops and networking opportunities on March 11th and adjudicated student presentations on the March 12th, with keynote speeches on both days.

CONFERENCE GOALS

- To showcase student research in a wide range of health-related disciplines
- To provide a forum for networking and collaboration among student health researchers
- To engage with and learn from health leaders throughout Canada

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference will be of interest to any student who is studying any aspect of health at the undergraduate, Masters, and PhD (including Post-doctoral) level and interested in learning about and sharing health research including, but not limited to, the following disciplines:

Health promotion, kinesiology, recreation management, leisure, social work, nursing, health administration, nutrition, psychology, physical and occupational therapy, pharmacy, and medicine.

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As part of the learning process, students are invited to present at Crossroads. Oral presentations (10 minutes with 5 additional minutes for questions) and poster presentations will be accepted.

Abstracts addressing three types of presentations will be considered:

1. Presentations about research projects that involve original data and/or analyses (original contribution: data-based)
2. Presentations of original syntheses of the literature (original contribution: literature review/synthesis, commentary)
3. Presentations of proposed research projects (original contribution: proposal)

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- Abstract summary (250 words or less – not including title, authors, and section headings) must be submitted by email to hahpgss@gmail.com in Word Document format (.doc or .docx)
- Submission of the abstract constitutes permission for the conference organizers to publish the abstracts in either printed or electronic format.
- Please indicate at the bottom of your abstract whether you would like to present orally or with a poster. Those who are not chosen for oral presentations will be given the option of presenting a poster.
- Abstracts that do not meet the required format will not be considered.
- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 15, 2016.**

ABSTRACT FORMATTING

1. Title of presentation
2. Author name(s), university name(s). List primary presenter's name first & underlined
3. Background: An introduction to the topic and the problem(s) being addressed
4. Purpose: Present main research questions, hypothesis, objectives for undertaking the investigation
5. Methods: Include descriptions of participants, procedures, instrumentation, data analysis, or the equivalent
6. Results: Results presented can be final or preliminary
7. Conclusions: Clearly present the "take home messages" from your investigation
8. Indicate your degree program and if you would like to present this submission as an oral or a poster presentation.

REGISTRATION

Registration is open to students and professionals who wish to attend.

The deadline for abstract submission will be **January 15, 2016**

The early bird registration is open from **February 5-12, 2016**

The final registration deadline is **February 19, 2016**

| | Early Bird Registration (Feb 5-12) | | Regular Registration (Feb 13-19) | |
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| | Presenter | Non-Presenter* | Presenter | Non-Presenter* |
| Both Days | \$60 | \$40 | \$75 | \$45 |
| Friday Only | \$30 | \$30 | \$35 | \$35 |
| Saturday Only | \$40 | \$15 | \$45 | \$15 |

*Non-presenters are those who attend, but don't wish to present. This fee covers the cost of food, workshops, keynotes, etc.

The conference has reserved a block of rooms at the Lord Nelson Hotel for conference participants at rate of \$115.00 per room per night, based on single or double occupancy, plus applicable taxes/fees. Rooms are available from Thursday, March 10th to Saturday, March 12th at this special rate. Please contact hahpgss@gmail.com if you are interested in booking a room. In order to receive this rate, rooms must be booked by **February 11, 2016**.

MORE INFORMATION

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