

Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Student Research Awards 2011-2012 Academic Year

Student research awards are available from the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics to support students' efforts in presenting their work at local and national public health and scientific conferences. All students enrolled in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics' MPH, MS, and PhD degree programs are eligible to receive these awards. Additionally, recent alumni may apply for Capital Connection Scholar Awards if the abstract is accepted within one year of graduation and the work was done while a student. Awards will be granted for work done as part of Departmental activities (academic work such as special project, culminating experiences or dissertations; or paid or unpaid research with Department faculty members). **Since these awards are meant to encourage participation in outside conferences, GWU's and Children's National Medical Center's Research Day presentations are not eligible.**

There are three types of awards:

1. **Departmental Research Awards—to support poster printing**— The Department will reimburse poster printing costs, up to a maximum of \$100.00, for students accepted as a presenting author at a scientific conference. A maximum of ten Departmental Research Awards per semester will be supported each fall, spring, and summer semester.
2. **Chair's Research Excellence Award—to support conference registration fees**— Funds will be available each academic year to support registration fees for students with abstracts accepted at local or national conferences. A maximum of five Chair's Research Awards per semester will be supported. The maximum amount of the award is \$250.
3. **Founding Dean's Research Excellence Award**— One award will be available each semester of the 2011-2012 academic year to the most outstanding abstract accepted for presentation to a scientific conference by a Departmental student. Founding Dean's Research Excellence Awards may be used to support registration, travel, lodging, and food expenses incurred while attending the conference. The maximum size of the award will be \$500 per semester.

Rules and eligibility:

- There are no deadlines for these awards and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. However, applications should leave adequate time (3-4 weeks) before the conference for review of applications and award administration.
- For Departmental awards, students must submit the abstract, a copy of the letter confirming abstract acceptance, status as presenting author, and the student-prepared poster in a PowerPoint file to the Departmental Student Award Research Committee (DSARC) using the application form. Adequate time (i.e., 3 weeks) is required for the Department to review and approve the award. Once found eligible for support, the Department will reimburse the student for poster printing costs, up to a maximum of \$100.00. Posters that would be supported by the student's employer are not eligible for this award. Posters will be supported on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- For the Chair's Research Excellence Awards, students will need to submit a letter confirming the acceptance of their abstract for oral or poster presentation, the abstract, status as presenting author, documentation of the student registration fee, and the application form. The DSARC will review accepted abstracts and make recommendations for awards on an ongoing basis based on merit.
- All students applying for the Departmental and Chair's Research Excellence Awards will be automatically eligible for the Founding Dean's Research Excellence Award.
- Students may apply for the awards once per calendar year. Departmental and Chair's Research Excellence Awards may be received more than once per student; Founding Dean's Research Excellence Awards may be received only once per student.
- For the Chair's and Founding Dean's awards, a panel of judges identified by DSARC will assess the abstracts on the following criteria:
 - Innovation
 - Writing and presentation

- Percent effort or time devoted to project and significant contribution by the student
- Rigor and appropriateness of methods to address research question under study.
- Students must be in good standing at GWU (GPA of at least 3.0) to receive awards.
- Work done as a Practicum/Culminating Experience, but accepted within one year of graduation, is eligible.
- The student must be the documented presenting author in order to be eligible for these awards.
- All awards are subject to availability of funds.

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National Conferences

Here is a selected list of national conferences. This list is by no means comprehensive. Please note that while most conferences usually occur at approximately the same time of year, dates do vary somewhat from year to year. Please use the general abstract deadlines as a guide and check the websites provided for updates. **It is your responsibility to find out the abstract deadline dates.** In general, abstracts are usually due 4-9 months before the conference is held. Abstract deadlines for "late breakers" are generally due closer to the date of the conference.

Conference	Usual Conference Month	Next Conference Date & Site	General Abstract Deadline	Description
American College of Epidemiology http://www.acepidemiology2.org/default.asp Last conference was in 2009	Sept	TBA Tucson, AZ	June	Epidemiology
American Public Health Association (APHA) http://www.apha.org/	Oct	Oct 29- Nov 2, 2011 Washington, DC	February	Public Health
American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Gen'l Mtg. http://www.asm.org/ Website does not work	May	June 1- 5, 2008 Boston, MA	January	Microbiology/ Epidemiology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene http://www.astmh.org	Dec	December 4-8, 2011 Philadelphia, PA	May	Infectious Disease
Chronic Disease Prevention and Control http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/conference/index.htm No conference found	March	February 23-25, 2009 Washington, DC	TBA	Chronic Disease
Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) http://www.idsociety.org/	Oct	October 20-23, 2011	May	Infectious Disease
Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC) (ASM's annual meeting on infectious diseases) http://www.icaac.org/ Website won't open	Oct	October 25-28, 2008 Washington, DC	May	Infectious Disease
Preventive Medicine 2012 http://www.preventivemedicine2012.org/	Feb	February 22-25, 2012 Orlando, FL	Oct	Preventive Medicine/ Public Health
International Conference on Emerging Infectious Disease (ICEID)* (bi-annual) http://www.cdc.gov/iceid/ Website won't open	Feb	TBA	TBA	Infectious Disease
Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology* http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/MCHEpi/	Dec	December 14-16, 2011 New Orleans, LA	May	Maternal & Child Health/ Epidemiology

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National STD Prevention Conference* (bi-annual) http://www.stdconference.org/	Mar	March 12-15, 2012 Minneapolis, MN	Oct	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
National Immunization Conference* http://www.cdc.gov/nip/NIC/	May	March 28 – 31, 2011 Washington, DC	Nov	Immunization
Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER)** http://www.epiresearch.org/	June	June 27-30, 2012 Minneapolis, MN	Feb	Epidemiology Methods
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology (SHEA) http://www.shea-online.org/	April	April 13-16, 2012 Jacksonville, FL	Jan	Healthcare Epi/Hospital Infections
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) http://www.cste.org	June	June 3-7, 2012 Omaha, NE	Jan	Epidemiology
National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) http://www.naccho.org	July	July 11-13, 2012 Los Angeles, CA	TBD	Public Health (county/city level)
The Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) http://www.astho.org	Sept	October 19-21, 2011 Portland, OR	TBD	Public Health (state level)
Public Health Law Program* http://www2.cdc.gov/phlp/index.asp Last conference was in 2006	May	TBA	TBA	Public Health Law



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Application Form

Please complete the following information:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____

Telephone number () _____

Degree program MPH MS PhD
 Epidemiology Biostatistics MSPHMEID

Date of anticipated (or actual) graduation _____

Paper/poster title _____

Authors _____

Role on project & estimated time devoted _____

Conference where accepted _____

Conference date and location _____

Format Poster Oral Roundtable

Departmental Award

Consideration for (check all that apply) Founding Dean's Award (all eligible applications will automatically be considered for is award)

Chair's Award, amount requested (i.e. registration fee):\$ _____

Is this project a part of your paid employment? No Yes

If yes, would your employer sponsor poster printing or conference-related fees? No Yes

Did you conduct this project as a Departmental activity? No Yes, specify _____

Please attach documentation of:

- ✓ Abstract acceptance
- ✓ Presenting author status of student
- ✓ Conference registration fee (Chair's award only)

Please also attach:

- ✓ The abstract
- ✓ The PowerPoint or MS Word poster file (e-mail to sphsxl@gwumc.edu)

For office use only	
Date Application Received _____	Date Application Reviewed _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded	<input type="checkbox"/> Departmental Award
	<input type="checkbox"/> Founding Dean's Award
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chair's Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Awarded	
Comments _____	