

Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Student Research Awards 2009-2010 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. Awards will only 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 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 \$80.00, 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 ranging from \$25 to \$250 will be supported.
3. **Founding Dean's Research Excellence Award**—One award will be available each semester of the academic year to the most outstanding abstract accepted for presentation to a scientific conference by a Departmental student. A maximum of one Founding Dean's Research Award of \$250 will be supported each semester.

Rules and eligibility:

- 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 poster. Once found eligible for support, the Department will reimburse the student for poster printing costs, up to a maximum of \$80.00. 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-served basis. A PowerPoint poster template is available through the DSARC to assist you in developing your poster.
- 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 as often as they are eligible. Departmental and Chair's Research Excellence Awards may be received more than once; 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://acepidemiology.org/default.asp	Sept	September 12-15, 2009 Silver Spring, MD	June	Epidemiology
American Public Health Association (APHA) http://www.apha.org/	Oct	November 7-11, 2009 Philadelphia, PA	February	Public Health
American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Gen'l Mtg. http://www.asm.org/	May	May 17-21, 2009 Philadelphia, PA	January	Microbiology/ Epidemiology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene http://www.astmh.org	Nov	November 3-7, 2010 Atlanta, GA	May	Infectious Disease
Chronic Disease Prevention and Control http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/conference/index.htm	March	TBA	TBA	Chronic Disease
Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) http://www.idsociety.org/	Oct	October 29-November 1, 2009 Philadelphia, PA	May	Infectious Disease
Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC) (ASM's annual meeting on infectious diseases) http://www.icaac.org/	Sept	September 12-15, 2010 Boston, MA	May	Infectious Disease
Preventive Medicine 2009 http://www.preventivemedicine2010.org/	Feb	February 17-20, 2010 Crystal City, VA	Oct	Preventive Medicine/ Public Health
International Conference on Emerging Infectious Disease (ICEID)* (bi-annual) http://www.iceid.org/	July	July 11-14, 2009 Atlanta, GA	TBA	Infectious Disease
Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology* http://www.cdc.gov/Reproductivehealth/MCHEpi/2009/AboutConference.htm	Dec	December 9-11, 2009 Tampa, FL	June	Maternal & Child Health/ Epidemiology

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National STD Prevention Conference* (bi-annual) http://www.stdconference.org/	Mar	March 8-11, 2010 Atlanta, GA	Nov	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
National Immunization Conference* http://www.cdc.gov/nip/NIC/	May	April 19-22, 2010 Atlanta, GA	Nov	Immunization
Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER)** http://www.epiresearch.org/	June	June 23-26, 2010 Seattle, WA	Jan	Epidemiology Methods
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology (SHEA) http://www.shea-online.org/ http://www.decennial2010.com/	April	March 18-22, 2010 Atlanta, GA	Nov	Healthcare-Associated Infections
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) http://www.cste.org	June	June 7-11, 2009 Buffalo, NY	Jan	Epidemiology
National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) http://www.naccho.org	July	July 14-16, 2010 Memphis, TN	Feb	Public Health (county/city level)
The Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) http://www.astho.org	Sept	October 13-16, 2009 Vienna, VA	May	Public Health (state level)
Public Health Law Program* http://www2.cdc.gov/php/index.asp	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 _____	