Student Travel Scholarships

A Disparities Paradox? Food Insecurity and Obesity Among Vulnerable Populations

July 17-18, 2017

University of Mississippi Medical Center Conference Center
Jackson, Mississippi

Limited funds are available to help defray some of the travel costs for upper level undergraduate (i.e., juniors and seniors) and graduate student presenters. These funds are reserved for those students who: 1) are authors of accepted abstracts; 2) will be presenting a poster; and 3) do not have any other travel support available, either through faculty grants or university support for student travel. We will give priority to students who are first author.

The scholarship consists of two (2) nights complimentary housing at the conference hotel and travel costs to and from the conference (up to $500).

If you would like to apply, please send an email by Friday, June 16, 2017 to Ms. Gina Hamilton at ghamilton@umc.edu with the subject line, “Student Travel Grants”, including the following information:

(a) Name:
(b) Institution:
(c) Title of presentation:
(d) List, in order, of all authors and affiliations:
(e) Conference abstract (250 word limit) using the following headings:
   a. Title
   b. Introduction
   c. Purpose
   d. Methods
   e. Findings
   f. Conclusions
(f) Where you will be traveling from:
(g) Certification that there are no university or grant funds available to pay for your travel (include an advisor statement to that effect)
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Poster Presenter Guidelines  

Suggested guidelines for an effective poster presentation are outlined below. The poster should be no larger than 36 inches high by 56 inches wide (landscape). Posters exceeding these dimensions will not be displayed. While size constraints are the only poster requirements, the following template and guidelines are provided for your convenience.

Poster Content  

- Poster content should be based on, and follow the guidelines for, your abstract.
- Major sections may include:
  - Title, authorship, and institution
  - Background
    - Clear statement about the topic/purpose of your poster, research question, or aim.
  - Methods
    - Briefly document the research steps (study design, sample, and analysis methods).
    - Use bullets.
  - Findings
    - A concise summary of the sample (if conducting human subjects research).
    - Highlight main findings; describe what you discovered.
    - Figures should be self-explanatory (with title, labeled axes, symbol definitions, figure legends, etc.).
    - Figures more than tables provide color and attract the viewer’s attention.
    - Consecutively number figures and tables according to the order in which they are presented.
  - Significance
    - Specify implications of the completed project.
    - How this research will advance the field.
    - Include a statement of future plans.
  - References
    - Include reference list for any references cited.
  - Acknowledgments
    - Who supported the research (i.e., cite the grant(s) that support you and your research)

General Aim and Format  

- Effective posters use pictures and/or graphs to present results and to elicit dialogue with your audience.
- Keep text brief (do not include the entire abstract on the poster).
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- Use bright, contrasting lines and symbols on your visuals.
- Use bullets rather than dense paragraphs of text.
- Colored borders, headers, and accents are fine, as well as color illustrations and photos.
- Include, where appropriate, flow diagrams, figures and tables, and figure and table legends. Use high-resolution photographs and clear graphics to enhance readability.
Your poster may be generated using your choice of software. PowerPoint instructions are included at the end of this section for both PC and Mac users.

**Design and Layout Specifications**

- Your poster should be **36 inches high by 56 inches wide and in a “landscape” (horizontal) orientation.**
- Text should be readable from five feet away. A *minimum* font size of 40 points is suggested.
- Lettering for the title should be large (recommended up to 60-point font).
- Each visual (figure, pictures or table) should have a *brief* title.
- Cite and reference any sources of information other than your own, just as you would do with a research paper. "References Cited" is placed at the end of the poster.

**Day of Poster Presentation**

- You will be expected to hang your poster the morning of **Monday, July 17th by 10:30am.** The poster presentation session will begin at 11:30am.
- Before the poster session, rehearse a brief summary of your project. Viewers will want a quick "guided tour" of your poster. Do not be afraid to point out uncertainties in your work; this is where you may get useful feedback.
- Once your assigned session starts, stand near the poster. Be prepared to answer any questions.
- Remove your poster by 3:30pm on the day of the poster presentation. Please leave the push pins in the cup attached to the board when you remove your poster.

**Generating a Poster Using PowerPoint**

**Slide Setup:**

- Poster will be created on one slide.
- The page size of that slide must be your desired print size (**36 inches high by 56 inches wide, landscape view**). The page must be sized before creating the poster. The print quality will be substandard if the poster size is changed after creating the poster.

**Set Slide Dimensions:**

- **For Power Point 2007 and PowerPoint 2010 for Windows:**
  - Select DESIGN tab, then PAGE SETUP.
  - Select CUSTOM from the “Slides sized for” dropdown and enter desired poster size in inches.
- **For Power Point 2008 for Mac:**
  - Select FILE, then PAGE SETUP.
  - Select CUSTOM from the “Slides sized for” dropdown, enter desired poster size in inches.
- **For Power Point 2011 for Mac:**
  - Select the THEMES tab, then PAGE SETUP.
  - Select CUSTOM from the “Slides sized for” dropdown, enter desired size of poster in inches.

**Poster Template:**

- Poster templates may be found at: [http://www.postersession.com/poster-templates.php](http://www.postersession.com/poster-templates.php)
  - You can adjust the color scheme and setup as necessary to accommodate your own needs for graphs, pictures, and tables.