

Abstract Submission Instructions USU Research Day 2002/Graduate Student Colloquium

The deadline for submission of ALL abstracts is 22 April 2002.

The Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences will hold its Ninth Annual Graduate Student Colloquium/Faculty Senate Research Day 2002 on 15-16 May 2002. The two-day joint program showcases scientific progress in the USUHS community and is intended to stimulate collaborative research across disciplines, in clinical as well as basic sciences. The format includes invited lectures, student oral presentations, and poster presentations by both faculty and students.

- Faculty and postdoctoral fellows of USUHS and its affiliated institutions are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentations during the two-day event. (There will be no faculty panels in 2002.)
- In addition, students in the MA, MPH, Ph.D. and DrPH programs at USUHS are invited to submit abstracts **for either poster or platform presentations**. Platform presentations will be held during the Graduate Student Colloquium (15 May) ONLY. Selection of oral presentations is competitive. Platform presentations and the posters presented by students in these programs will be judged by a faculty panel; prizes will be awarded for the best platform presentation and the best student poster.
- An individual may be an author on any number of abstracts, but can be first author on at most one abstract and presenting author on at most one abstract. However, since the presenting author need not be the first author, an individual may present one poster and be first author on another.
- **Abstracts submitted after 22 April 2002 cannot be included in the program guide/abstract book.**

Specifications for Submitting Abstracts:

- Titles:
 - Limited to 250 characters in length (including spaces).
 - Author names should be listed as Last name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (e.g., Brown, M.J.).
- Abstracts:
 - Limited to 2500 characters in length (including spaces). Most word processing software includes a character-count feature. However, you can use the form below to check that your abstract fits the submission requirements.

- Formatting: Before you submit your abstract, please ensure that it has no font specific- formatting (e.g., Greek symbols). **All font formatting will be lost.** You will therefore need to spell out any Greek symbols you use in either the title or the body of the abstract. Bolding and underlining will be lost; paragraph breaks will remain intact.
- Structure: The body of the abstract should clearly state both your data and your conclusions. It is usually best to begin by presenting the background of the study, followed by a brief description of the methods employed, then a summary of the results, a statement of the conclusions, and the chief clinical and/or military significance of the project.
- Abbreviations: Any abbreviations or acronyms other than well-known terminology such as "CNS", "HIV" or "MRI" must be written out at the first use -- e.g., "Triservice Nursing Research Program (TNRP)."

Submission:

- ONLY abstracts submitted via the electronic registration form will be accepted.
- Each abstract should be registered only once, preferably by the presenting author. Although co-authors are strongly encouraged to register for and attend USUHS Research Day/GSC, they should **NOT** reregister or resubmit the abstract.
- You can register for Research Day and then submit your abstract at a later date using the registration update form. However, you will then need to enter your unique registration number in order to submit the abstract, so be sure to write it down (or print the e-mail registration confirmation) when you first register.