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Dedicated to Quality Services for Persons with Disabilities Through Education and Research

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Anaheim, CA

STUDENT SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION
Call for Program Proposals

DEADLINE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 by 10:00PM PT

“Imagine the Possibilities: Reinventing Rehabilitation Counseling in the 21st Century”

The purpose of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) is to promote the improvement of rehabilitation services available to people with disabilities through quality education and research. The conference supports this purpose by this year’s conference theme: “Imagine the Possibilities: Reinventing Rehabilitation Counseling in the 21st Century.”

Our 2018 conference is an opportunity for rehabilitation counselor educators, practitioners, researchers, trainers, and students to submit proposals that address future directions in rehabilitation counselor education and research. The theme of this year’s conference encourages proposals focusing on current issues in counselor education, practice, and research with an emphasis on how we can serve people with disabilities in a more efficient and integrated manner. Both empirically based (qualitative and quantitative) and conceptually oriented proposals are invited as well as descriptions of existing community programs that exemplify a particular track theme.

As you prepare your proposal, please ask yourself “Does my project include implications for rehabilitation counselor education?”
CONFERENCE TRACKS WITH DESCRIPTIONS

**Track 1. Co-Morbid Disorders: Assessment, Interventions, and Access to Treatment**
For this track, proposals are invited that address rehabilitation-related research involving the complexities of co-morbid disorders. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, effective assessment practices, access and barriers to appropriate services, and treatment considerations. Priority consideration will be given Intervention and outcome research.

**Track 2. Disability and Employment: A Public Health Issue**
For this track, proposals are invited that address the important role employment has in promoting the health of individuals with disabilities, their family members, and the communities in which they live. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, employment and quality of life issues among individuals with a disability as well as those who have a disability and a criminal background.
Track 3. Enhancing Health and Wellness among Consumers, Counselors, Educators, and Students
For this track, proposals are invited that address health concerns and enhance wellness among consumers, counselors, educators, and students. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, empirical evidence supporting health promotion models, descriptions of qualitative and quantitative research outcomes, and the impact of stress on quality of life among individuals with disabilities, students, educators, and practitioners, and remedies to enhance health and quality of life.

Track 4. Enhancing Multicultural Competencies among Rehabilitation counselors
For this track, proposals are invited that address issues related to understanding the state of multicultural competence that currently exists among practitioners and service providers. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, effective assessment practices for assessing cultural competence, impact of competence (or lack of competence) on consumer engagement in treatment and outcomes, and recommended training strategies to improve the multicultural competence of rehabilitation counselors and practitioners.

Track 5. Emerging Topics in Disability-Related Research
For this track, proposals are invited that address new and transformative research activities that demonstrate the ever increasing scope of research interests in the rehabilitation field. Topics should be those that are of interest to educators, counselors, students, consumers, caregivers, employers, and funding sources.

Track 6. Health Inequities and Barriers to Service Among Marginalized Individuals, including the LGBTQIA Community
For this track, proposals are invited that address the unique health experiences of individuals with disabilities, including those who identify as a member of a sexual minority (LBGTQIA). Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, health disparities, access and barriers to services, reproductive health and health care delivery issues, and the unique factors that make individuals with disabilities and sexual minority individuals with disabilities vulnerable to violence. Presentations should include recommendations for additional research and interventions that rehabilitation counselors could utilize to improve the equity of healthcare and health services for marginalized individuals who have a disability.
Track 7. International Rehabilitation: Current, New, and Promising Relationships
For this track, proposals are invited that address the globalization of rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation counselor education. Presenters are encouraged to promote the quality of instruction, promising education and clinical practices, describe emerging international training methods, needs, and opportunities. Of special interest are topics related to advancing rehabilitation counseling by the establishment of international relationships and innovative programs that can advance the mission of the rehabilitation practice and relationships across borders.

Track 8. Rehabilitation Counselor Education: Current Practices and Future Directions
For this track, proposals are invited that address issues involving rehabilitation counseling educational issues. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, curriculum recommendations, development and assessment of student learning outcomes, effective and efficient training and supervision practices, recruitment strategies, employment outcomes of students, and anticipated future issues for educators. Proposals that address doctorate education would also be appropriate for this track.

Track 9. Rehabilitation Public Policy and Legislation
For this track, proposals are invited that address contemporary issues affecting rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation counselor education through their programs. Presenters are encouraged to generate conversations addressing issues affecting people with disabilities, for example and NOT limited to, WIOA, The ABLE Act (H.R. 647/S. 313), health reform and health disparities, employment issues, or academic accreditation. Of special interest are topics in this area that will generate and contribute to the unified voice advocating for rehabilitation counseling and a better quality of life for people with disabilities.

Track 10. Undergraduate Rehabilitation Education: Best Practices and Outcomes
For this track, proposals are invited that address the current state of undergraduate rehabilitation education. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, curriculum recommendations, development and assessment of student learning outcomes, effective and efficient training and supervision practices, recruitment strategies, employment outcomes of students, and anticipated future issues for educators.
INCLUSION, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

All proposals will be evaluated in how they address issues of inclusion, equity, and social justice. These issues must include, but not be limited to the intersection of disability, and/or race/ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religious/spiritual and language differences).

PROPOSAL PROCESS

Proposals will be submitted using the NCRE online submission form through the NCRE website. Proposals submitted via email will not be accepted. Each proposal must provide the following information.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

The Call for Proposals online form is not time sensitive when submitting your proposal before the deadline date and time.

The Call for Proposals form is time sensitive IF you submit proposal on the deadline date.

The online form will automatically close on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 10:00PM PT. If proposal is not submitted before 10:00PM PT the online form will not accept it.

It is suggested that you compose your title, abstract, content description, presenter, and co-presenter information in a text editor (e.g. Microsoft Word) to help check spelling, grammatical errors and the word count requirements. Then copy/paste your text into the online form fields when prompted. Additionally, the online form may work better using either Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome browsers. Newer versions of Internet Explorer work as well. However, problems with older versions of Internet Explorer have been reported in the past.

HOW MANY SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION PROPOSALS CAN I SUBMIT?

Submit no more than (2) STUDENT SCIENTIFIC PROPOSALS, in which you are listed as the FIRST PRESENTER. No Exceptions!
HOW MANY SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION PROPOSALS CAN I SUBMIT FOR THE DR. WILLIAM “BILL” DOWNEY SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD?

Submit no more than (1) SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION in which you are listed as the First Presenter. No Exceptions!

More information can be found on page 7-9.

WHAT IF I AM LISTED AS A CO-PRESENTER ON MULTIPLE SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION PROPOSALS?

Due to the number of co-presenters listed on multiple presentations please make note of the following. Two poster presentations are assigned per table and each one will be assigned a number.

If you are listed as a co-presenter on more than (1) SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION, which has been offered and accepted to present the NCRE Administrative office cannot guarantee the presentations will be assigned to the same table to present.

DR. WILLIAM “BILL” DOWNEY SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD

Dr. Bill Downey was a Professor in the Rehabilitation Counseling in the Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies at The University of Arizona – the very same department where he completed his PhD in 1979. Bill dedicated his life to the field of rehabilitation counseling and provided his expertise and passion in various capacities for over 35 years.

Inspired by his commitment to recognize research by students, NCRE established the Dr. William “Bill” Downey Scientific Poster Presentation Award Fund to annually support students to attend the NCRE training conference to interact with rehabilitation educators and professionals.
**POSTER AWARD SELECTION PROCESS**

The Lead Review Team will select the top 6 Scientific Poster Proposals submitted by a Student Member of NCRE to be considered for the Award.

The first part of the selection process will be done through the anonymous peer review and based upon evaluation scores received and recommendations from the Peer Review Team.

Once the top 6 students are notified then based on the **NEW PROTOCOL FOR CREATING YOUR SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION** each student will have to submit an anonymous electronic pdf file of their Scientific Poster by no later than **Friday, February 23, 2018** to ncrespringconference@ncre.org

The Lead Reviewer team will review the pdf files and select the top 3 Student Scientific Posters. The 6 Students will be notified of the outcome by no later than **Friday, March 9, 2018.**

**AWARDS PRESENTATION**

The student recipients will receive their monetary prize at the conference during the Scientific Poster Presentations, which will be held on **Friday, March 18, 2018 from 8:30AM – 10:00AM.**

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS**

1. Be a Student Member of NCRE for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 year at the time of submitting proposal, otherwise proposal will not be considered for the award.

2. Be listed as the first presenter and submit no more than one (1) Scientific Poster Presentation Proposal to be considered for award.

3. The student listed on the Scientific Poster must attend the conference to present poster and to accept the award, otherwise another student proposal will be considered for the award.
FIRST STUDENT AWARD

• Student will receive a monetary award of $245.00.
• The registration fee is waived solely to the first author listed on the poster.
• The monetary prize is awarded solely to the first author listed on the poster.
• Recognized in the conference program booklet and during the Scientific Poster Forum.

SECOND STUDENT AWARD

• Student will receive a monetary award of $175.00 dollars.
• The monetary prize is awarded solely to the first author listed on the poster.
• Recognized in the conference program booklet during the Scientific Poster Forum.

THIRD STUDENT AWARD

• Student will receive a monetary award of $125.00 dollars.
• The monetary prize is awarded solely to the first author listed on the poster.
• Recognized in the conference program booklet during the Scientific Poster Forum.

POSTER AWARD – ONLINE FORM QUESTION

I am a Student Member of NCRE of the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 year, have paid my membership dues and submitting my proposal to be considered for the Poster Award. When completing the online form you will be prompted to select one of the two options below.

__Yes
__No
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Please remember, if you select yes to this question and not a Student Member of NCRE at the time of submitting your proposal it will not be considered for the award but will be reviewed for a poster presentation format.

Due to the high number of proposals submitted for all presentation formats the administrative office cannot be held responsible to notify each student who is not a member at the time of submitting proposal.

You can email the administrative office to verify membership if you are not unsure of your status by no later than Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

• If you select yes, all student members who apply will be notified on the outcome of this award on the same date you will be notified on the decision regarding your submitted proposal, which is Sunday, December 10, 2017.
• If you are one of the three student recipients selected, the NCRE Administrative office will contact you regarding the next steps in the award process.

SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION PROTOCOL

There is a new specific protocol in place for Scientific Poster Presentations. Please be aware of this new change to the conference. We are trying to create a richer experience for our attendees.

If your poster is accepted you agree to the new protocol for creating your poster. Please refer to the two links below for more detailed instructions regarding the NEW PROTOCOL FOR CREATING YOUR SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION. NCRE obtained written permission from MAKESIGNS to include the specific links below:

http://www.makesigns.com/tutorials/
http://downloads.graphicsland.com/how-to-make-a-scientific-poster.pdf
PROPOSAL TITLE

The title is limited to 12 words. The title of the paper is concise and descriptive. It must accurately describe the content of the proposed session.

We appreciate your adherence to the submission procedures by only using uppercase letters for the first letter of each new word in the title. If the proposal is selected, this title will be printed in the conference program.

PROPOSAL ABSTRACT

The abstract is 120 words or less. Longer abstracts will be edited. The abstract includes the basic content of the proposed session, the method for information delivery, and the source of the information. If the proposal is selected, this abstract will be printed in the conference program.

We appreciate your adherence to the submission procedures by only capitalizing the first letter of each word at the beginning of a new sentence and/or if it is to focus attention on particular elements within any group of people, places, or things.

CONTENT DESCRIPTION AND ANONYMOUS PEER REVIEW PROCESS

This is an anonymous peer review process. In addition to the expertise of the reviewers and the cooperative nature of the process, confidentiality and the avoidance of any conflict of interest are critical components of NCRE’s review process.

Once the Call for Proposals is closed, in order to ensure the integrity of the review process, all self-identifying information is removed from each proposal by the administrative office before the review process begins. Please do not include identifying information in the content description including but not limited to the following: the identity/identities of the presenter(s), biographical sketch of presenter(s), or professional affiliation(s).

We appreciate your adherence to the submission procedures by only capitalizing the first letter of each word at the beginning of a new sentence and/or if it is to focus attention on particular elements within any group of people, places, or things.
CONTENT DESCRIPTION – EMPIRICAL REQUIRED SECTIONS

**Empirical** – The proposal content description is limited to 1,200 words. If your proposal is an empirical presentation the following are required sections.

To help identify each required section in your proposal you must number each section with the section heading exactly as it is listed below so proposal reviewers can easily identify each new section:

(1) Purpose  
(2) Methods  
(3) Results – Research or Clinical  
(4) Conclusions  
(5) Implications for Research and Practice

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING - IMPORTANT EXAMPLE**
If your proposal includes (1) Purpose, (3) Results – Research or Clinical, Conclusions and (5) Implications for Research and Practice but does not include section number (2) Methods the proposal will not be accepted and go through the review process.

CONTENT DESCRIPTION – CONCEPTUAL REQUIRED SECTIONS

**Conceptual** – The proposal content description is limited to 1,200 words. If your proposal is an empirical presentation the following are required sections.

To help identify each required section in your proposal you must number each section with the section heading exactly as it is listed below so proposal reviewers can easily identify each new section.

(1) Purpose  
(2) Relevant Literature  
(3) Conclusions  
(4) Implications for Research and Practice

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING - IMPORTANT EXAMPLE**
If your proposal includes (1) Purpose, (3) Conclusions and (4) Implications for Research and Practice but does not include section number (2) Relevant Literature the proposal will not be accepted and go through the review process.

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SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION  DATE AND TIME

Scientific Poster Presentation will be presented in a 90-minute poster showcase forum for professionals and students to share best practices and/or research with conference attendees.

Scientific Poster Presentations will be held on **Friday, March 16, 2018 from 8:30AM – 10:00AM.**

COMMUNICATION WITH FIRST PRESENTER AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

The first presenter listed on the proposal will serve as the main point of contact. For a proposal with more than one presenter, the first presenter will answer on behalf of all presenters. The first presenter is responsible for disseminating all correspondence from the NCRE administrative office to co-presenter(s).

The email address you provide will be used for all communications throughout the proposal process. For this reason, it is critical that you take the time to check that the email provided is accurate (i.e., check for additions or omissions of letters, numbers or characters, etc.)

PRESENTER AND CO-PRESENTER(S) INFORMATION AND PROGRAM BOOKLET

Presenter and co-presenter(s) name(s), credential(s), and professional affiliation will appear EXACTLY as you have provided in your proposal for the electronic program booklet should your proposal be accepted. Therefore it is critical that you confirm this information with your co-presenter(s) before you submit proposal.

For the presenter and co-presenter(s) we include two (2) credentials in the program booklet should your proposal be accepted. Therefore, do not provide more than two. Do not add credentials that have not been obtained at the time of submitting this proposal. For example, PhD Candidate, LPC Candidate, Masters Candidate etc.
First Presenter Information
Include name (please do not capitalize entire name), no more than (2) two professional credentials (e.g., Ph.D., CRC), email address, and professional affiliation (e.g., State University and/or Acme Agency).

Co-Presenter(s) Information
Include the following for each co-presenter (up to five co-presenter(s) only): name(s) (please do not capitalize co-presenter(s) entire name, no more than (2) two professional credential (e.g., Ph.D., CRC, etc.,) and professional affiliation (e.g., State University and/or Acme Agency).

REVIEW SCHEDULE AND CONTACT INFORMATION
Proposal must be submitted no later than Sunday, October 29, 2017 by 10:00 PM PT, No Extensions! Early submissions are always appreciated.

Upon completion of your online proposal, you will see a confirmation message at the top of this webpage. “Thank you. Your Spring 2018 PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC POSTER PROPOSAL has been successfully received.”

Once successfully submitted, first presenter will also receive a copy of proposal submitted to include a list of the important notification and deadline dates. If you do not receive this message, please contact the administrative office at info@ncre.org

For questions regarding your proposal please contact the Lead Proposal Review Team: Dr. Gloria Lee at ncrestringconference@ncre.org

Questions regarding registration, hotel, membership, scheduling, and conference materials please contact the administrative office at info@ncre.org
IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION WITH FIRST PRESENTER ON PROPOSAL

Due to the high number of proposals submitted for all presentation formats (Concurrent, Scientific Poster and Seminar Presentations) the administrative office cannot be held responsible if you fail to respond to email communication.

If accepted to present and you fail to respond to the confirmation email by the deadline date, your proposal will be removed from the conference program and another proposal will take its place, no exceptions.

If you fail to register by the deadline date your proposal will be removed from the conference program and another proposal will take its place, no exceptions. The email address you provide on your proposal will be used for all communications throughout the proposal process.

To prevent your web browser from recognizing this email as spam, please add the NCRE Spring conference email to your address book ncrespringconference@ncre.org

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION DEADLINE DATES

Sunday, December 10, 2017: We will inform the first presenter on each proposal, via email, on the decision regarding their submitted proposal.

Sunday, December 17, 2017: The deadline date for presenters, who have been accepted, to notify NCRE of their decision to agree to present via email.

Sunday, January 14, 2018: Presenter and co-presenters must complete conference registration to participate as presenters.

Sunday, February 11, 2018: Confirmation of date and time of presentation will be emailed to the first presenter only after proof of registration for all presenters attending the conference are complete.
AVAILABILITY OF PRESENTER(S)

Submission of this proposal acknowledges that the Presenter and Co-Presenter(s) agree to:

- Be listed as the First Presenter on no more than (2) STUDENT SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION, No Exceptions.
- Present Scientific Poster Presentation on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 8:30AM – 10:00AM.
- Not charge a separate fee for attending the Poster Forum.
- Pay the registration fee to attend the Conference.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

NCRE will provide Poster Boards and pushpins for scientific poster presentations onsite at the conference hotel. The size/dimensions of the display board open is 48”W x 36”H.

AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT

Scientific poster presentation presenters will not be provided Computer/Laptop, LCD projector, Audio, Internet or Microphone.

If you require any other additional equipment, NCRE will provide you with appropriate contact information so you can order the equipment at your own expense through the Anaheim Marriott Hotel.

Request for information to obtain additional equipment should be made to the NCRE Administrative office at info@ncre.org by no later than Monday, February 26, 2018.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Proposals will be reviewed based on the information submitted online.
- Proposals that are received as incomplete will not be reviewed.
- Once submitted, proposal cannot be edited.
- Please do not submit duplicate proposals, instead contact the administrative office at info@ncre.org