



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The United States Conference on African Diaspora Health 2020(USCAIDH2020)

Theme: “Unity for Health Equity through Research, Policy, and Practice: A Summit on the Health of the African Diaspora.”

When: Friday, June 19 - Sunday, June 21

Where: Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland

Overview

The United States Conference on African Diaspora Health (USCAIDH2020) represents a broad perspective of African people’s passage throughout the globe, thereby forming the African Diaspora. This year’s conference has adopted a more comprehensive view of the **health** of people of African-descent to encompass not only African immigrants but also African-Americans, Afro-Caribbean, and Afro-Latinos, among others.

This conference invites representatives of community-based organizations, federal, local and state agencies, health professionals and providers, researchers and students to discuss a range of health issues that affect the African Diaspora and share effective evidence-based strategies and practices. The previous five iterations of the conference, formally known as the United States Conference on African Immigrant Health (USCAIH), had primarily focused on the health of African immigrants.

We encourage the submission of abstracts that are innovative, challenge current paradigms and highlight work that seeks to understand and improve the health of the African Diaspora. We strongly encourage submissions that reflect best practices in research, practice interventions, and policies that specifically address the health of this population.

Abstract Submission Guidelines for Poster and Oral Presentations:

USCAIDH2020 seeks abstract submissions for research, best practices or projects (programs, training, policies, etc.) related to health issues affecting the African Diaspora across the lifespan; including (but not limited to) health education programs, health system, and community-based interventions, advocacy, cultural engagement, or immigration processes and challenges.

The abstract should be **250 words** or less, fit within the overall conference theme, “**Unity for Health Equity through Research, Policy, and Practice: A Summit on the Health of the African Diaspora**” and reflect one of the following conference tracks:

Conference Tracks:

- 1. *Sexual and Reproductive Health:*** Presentations in this track will explore sexual and reproductive health determinants and outcomes among men and women of African descent. Topics may include disparities in access to reproductive and sexual health services, contraception and infertility, assisted reproductive technology, postpartum depression, maternal and infant mortality.
- 2. *Behavioral and Mental Health:*** Presentations in this track will examine behavioral and mental health risks and outcomes of persons of African descent including determinants, natural history and effective treatments and policies of persons of African descent
- 3. *Psychosocial Factors:*** Presentations in this track will examine the prevalence or impact of psychosocial risk factors such as social isolation, trauma, violence, stress, and discrimination on the health outcomes of persons of African descent.
- 4. *Infectious Diseases:*** Presentations in this track will examine current or new evidence-based models that address health disparities in HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections and other infectious diseases that disproportionately affect the African Diaspora. Approaches based on programmatic/service delivery as well as research/clinical work are strongly encouraged.
- 5. *Non-Communicable Diseases:*** Presentations in this track will explore the risk and protective factors, prevalence, management and prevention of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity and related cardiometabolic complications, cancer and sickle cell disease in persons of African descent.
- 6. *Religion, Culture, and Health:*** Presentations in this track will examine the interplay of African culture (language, customs, traditions, religious beliefs, faith, etc.,) and

their impact on health and health behavior, and how this knowledge can affect and inform culturally responsive interventions.

7. **Research and Practice within African Diaspora Communities:** Presentations in this track will explore opportunities, challenges, and best practices/strategies on data collection and intervention design and delivery in African Diaspora communities. Possible topics may include data access (primary and secondary sources, big data mining), recruiting hard to reach sub-populations, sources of bias (language, interpretation, sensitivity, interviewer effects, interview context).
8. **Impact of Voluntary and Forced Migration on Health:** Presentations in this track will explore the effect of the migratory, integration/acclimation processes, policies, and their effects on health outcomes. This track may include work or research with refugees, victims of human trafficking, displaced or resettled people.
9. **Technology and Innovations to Improve Health:** Presentations in this track will explore the development and implementation of technological tools and health informatics to reduce health disparities within the African Diaspora.
10. **Education, Training, and Workforce Development:** Presentations in this track will showcase innovative projects which seek to increase the representation of African descent populations in the healthcare and public health workforce as well as in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Abstracts for oral and poster sessions should be submitted [HERE](#)

Student Poster Session Information

ATTENTION: Undergraduate and Graduate Students: In addition to regular research workshops sessions, this year's USCAIDH2020 conference solicits a special call for abstracts for student's poster presentations on research or applied projects (programs, training, policies, etc.), that are in progress or completed. **Students will receive a discounted registration rate with the submission of proof of student status.**

As with the regular workshop sessions, the abstract should fit within the overall conference theme and explore one or more of the 10 sub-tracks.

Please note: A poster is a graphic presentation of your research. The student author(s) should illustrate their research findings or project content by using a reduced amount of text with a focus on displaying results via graphs, charts, photos, and diagrams.

This student poster session will take place during a designated day and time. Student authors must be prepared to be at the poster during the assigned time to facilitate discussions and answer questions with attendees who will be circulating among the poster boards. It is helpful to present a brief over of your research/program/project/practice. This will help answer obvious questions and then allow more time for in-depth discussions.

Abstracts for student poster sessions should be submitted [HERE](#)

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

Please read the following guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract:

- All authors are requested to choose a topic area for their abstract during the submission process.
- All abstracts must have a title, name(s) or author(s) and institutional/organization or community affiliation. The presenting author should be clearly designated.
- Abstracts based on primary research must contain background, objective(s), methods, results, and discussion/conclusion. Those based on applied research must contain an introduction, the problem or issue, activities or strategies, and outcomes/lessons learned.
- Student presenters must either be currently in school or had completed the work while they were a registered student. The student submitting the abstract must be the first author. Faculty advisor(s) must be noted in the abstract.
- Up to three authors may be identified as co-presenters.
- The presenting author may not present on more than two (2) accepted papers.
- You do not have to be registered for the conference in order to submit an abstract. If your abstract is accepted, you will be required to show proof of registration to confirm your attendance as a presenter.

- **You may register here: [Registration coming soon. The link for registration will be posted on our social media listed below.](#)**

Dates:

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **March 1, 2020**
- Abstract Notification Date: **March 10, 2020**
- Preliminary Program Available: **April 15, 2020**

Review the Abstract Submission Guidelines above and [submit](#) your research today!

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