Poster Abstract submission Guidelines

Poster sessions provide an opportunity for researchers and scholars to present and discuss key findings of research, new ideas and conceptualizations, and understandings to the field. Abstracts submitted are reviewed and approved by the George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health.

Preparing Your Abstract

Although the abstract should briefly address all elements necessary to define your goals and results to the reader, it is a short description of your presentation. It is not meant to be a complete and lengthy report of your work. Abstract should consist of no more than 250 words. Tables and graphics are not recommended, as they are extremely difficult to align in the space available. Abstracts must be in English. Have a Microsoft Word document (preferred format), Rich Text Format, Plain Text, or Word Perfect file.

Abstract Structure

Summer institute offers two options for abstract submission:

Option 1
Suited for research conducted in all disciplines. Abstracts submitted under the first option should contain concise statements of:

- **Background**: indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem being analyzed or evaluated.

- **Methods**: describe the study period / setting / location, study design, study population, data collection and methods of analysis used.

- **Results**: present as clearly and in as much detail as possible the findings / outcome of the study. Please summarize any specific results.

- **Conclusions**: explain the significance of your findings / outcomes of the study for HIV prevention, treatment, care and / or support, and future implications of the results.

Option 2
Suited for lessons learned through program, project or policy implementation or management. Abstracts submitted under the second option should contain concise statements of:
• **Background**: summarize the purpose, scope and objectives, of the program, project or policy.

• **Description**: describe the program, project or policy period / setting / location, the structure, key population (if applicable), activities and interventions undertaken in support of the program, project or policy.

• **Lessons learned**: present as clearly and in as much detail as possible the findings / outcomes of the program, project or policy; include an analysis or evaluation of lessons learned and best practices. Please summarize any specific results that support your lessons learned and best practices.

• **Conclusions/Next steps**: explain the significance of your findings / outcomes of the program, project or policy for HIV prevention, treatment, care and / or support, and future implications of the results.

The date and time of your poster presentation will be listed in the materials that will be given to you onsite at the summer institute.