

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS***

**2017 EASTERN EVALUATION RESEARCH SOCIETY (EERS) CONFERENCE**

***Evaluation Looking Forward: Transitioning from Past to Future***

**April 2-4, 2017**

**Seaview Resort and Spa in Absecon, New Jersey**

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The Eastern Evaluation Research Society (EERS) is very pleased to invite undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in at least two courses per semester for the 2016-2017 academic year to submit proposals for presentations at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual EERS Conference to be held at the Seaview Spa and Resort in Absecon, New Jersey on **April 2-4, 2017**. The 2017 Annual Conference theme is ***Evaluation Looking Forward: Transitioning from Past to Future***. Through this theme, EERS seeks to elevate discussion of a diverse and innovative mix of theories, methods, and experiences that acknowledge evaluation's long history and offer a glimpse into the next forty years.

EERS, a local affiliate of the **American Evaluation Association**, has provided evaluators in the Northeast with opportunities for sharing expertise, learning and networking for forty years. EERS is committed to encouraging students to build their professional skills through full participation in a professional conference and opportunities to present their work as developing evaluators.

**Student Opportunities at the 2017 Conference:**

- **Experience presenting at a professional conference** among professional and academic practicing evaluators --- get to know fellow evaluators and rub elbows with the experts
- Student participants have the opportunity to **explore common challenges, celebrate successes, network with student and professional peers, and contribute to improving knowledge across the field.**
- The top three student proposals on evaluation methods and/or findings will be selected for oral presentations that will be integrated into concurrent program sessions with professional evaluators. These three individuals will also receive a **\$400 stipend**. *Please note that while other individuals may contribute to a session, only the individual proposer will receive a stipend.*
- A special Student Poster Session will be held during the main Monday reception to provide students with the opportunity to discuss evaluation methods and/or findings in a less formal setting. Poster presenters will receive **\$100 stipends**. *Again, please note that while other individuals may contribute to a session, only the individual proposer will receive a stipend*
- **The registration fee will be waived for all students selected for poster or oral presentations, which includes all** plenary session meals and evening receptions. Please note that hotel accommodations are NOT covered for presenters. Presenters should contact the conference hotel to make reservations.

This opportunity is designed to supplement your learning through attendance and presentation. All individuals selected to present an individual or poster presentation are expected to register for and attend the full conference. *Incomplete participation could result in your stipend being withdrawn.*

Please visit the EERS website at [www.eers.org](http://www.eers.org) to learn more about the conference theme and procedures for submitting a student presentation proposal. **The submission deadline is Friday, December 9, 2016** and notification of acceptance will be made in late January 2017.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US AT THE 2017 EERS CONFERENCE!**

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