

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

2018 EASTERN EVALUATION RESEARCH SOCIETY (EERS) CONFERENCE

Equity, Ethics, and Evidence

April 29 – May 1, 2018

Seaview Resort and Spa in Absecon, New Jersey

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 2017-2018 academic year to submit proposals for presentations at the 41st Annual EERS Conference to be held at the Seaview Spa and Resort in Absecon, New Jersey on **April 29 – May 1, 2018**. 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.

Equity, Ethics, and Evidence, the theme for the 2018 EERS Annual Conference, invites you to reflect on the evaluation challenges you face with due consideration to context. **Equity**. The conference invites professional evaluators, academics, students, and evaluation consumers to consider how evaluations can consider societal inequity that shapes culture and policy. **Ethics**. Guidelines and principles offer guideposts for the ethical conduct of evaluation but may necessarily change over time or require additional reflection and response. **Evidence**. Evaluators are increasingly asked, if not ethically-obligated, to frame their evaluation results and evidence for different audiences. Nevertheless, even in the equitable and ethical production of evidence, shared issues around access to needed data, appropriate privacy protections, and sufficient capacity persist.

Student Opportunities at the 2018 Conference:

- **Experience** presenting at a professional conference among professional and academic practicing evaluators --- get to meet and know fellow evaluators and experts.
- **Explore** common challenges, celebrate successes, network with student and professional peers, and contribute to improving knowledge across the field.
- 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 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.*
- 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 to learn more about the conference theme and procedures for submitting a student presentation proposal. **The submission deadline is Friday, December 8, 2017** and notification of acceptance will be made in late January 2018.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US AT THE 2018 EERS CONFERENCE!

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