



2018 Delta Omega Student Poster Session

Deadline for Submissions is Friday, **April 28, 2018**

Delta Omega will sponsor the 20th Annual Student Poster Session through the Academic Public Health Caucus during the 145nd APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition, which will be held November 10-14, 2018, in San Diego, CA. This year, there will be two poster sessions for graduate students and a third poster session for undergraduate students.

Note: Chapters may nominate no more than two abstracts for the graduate competition and one abstract for the undergraduate competition.

The 2018 poster session will showcase the excellent scholarship and research of students in CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health. The Delta Omega Executive Committee will judge the abstracts in a blind-review process and the twenty-nine students whose work is selected will be invited to present at APHA. The Delta Omega National Office will also award the selected students with a \$350.00 cash prize. Chapters are encouraged to collaborate with their schools and programs of public health to supplement the Delta Omega prizes (e.g. by matching funds, providing travel scholarships, etc.).

Abstract Submission Process

All students selected by their chapter for this competition must submit their own abstracts and information through the APHA portal. No hardcopy or emailed submissions will be accepted by the National Office.

A link to the portal through which to submit abstracts will be available on April 9, 2018. The deadline to submit all materials is **Friday, April 28, 2018**. This is an APHA-determined deadline and extensions cannot be granted.

Special Instructions and Considerations:

- Abstracts that have already been submitted to other APHA sessions (poster or oral) will not be accepted. Submitters must withdraw their abstract from other sessions, in order to be considered for the Delta Omega Poster Session. Students who have any questions regarding this or would like to withdraw a previously submitted abstract should contact Delta Omega at deltaomega@aspgh.org.
- In the submission section titled "Comments to Organizers," submitters must briefly describe the student's specific role in this project. (Approximately 250 words.)

As abstracts are received through the APHA portal, the National Office will contact the designated chapter delegates to confirm that the abstract and submitter have been approved by the chapter.

Eligibility

To be eligible for participation in the Delta Omega Student Poster Session, students do not have to be Delta Omega members, but they must be nominated by an active chapter (i.e., current with annual dues and chapter reports). Students must have participated sufficiently in the work to take responsibility for the content of the abstract and be willing to provide any relevant data upon request. The student or submitter must certify that the student has contributed substantially to: (1) the conception and design or analysis and interpretation of data and (2) the drafting and final approval of the submitted abstract.

Student Poster Review and Selection Process

Chapters are encouraged to annually hold competitions in which the scholarly activities of students are presented. Chapters may set their own criteria for student eligibility and for judging the quality of research and other scholarly submissions. However, only student work that is completed by the submission date will be considered by the review committee.

The following criteria will be used by the national review committee to judge abstracts. Chapters may choose to use the following criteria as well:

1. Evidence of student work
2. Clarity
3. Relevance to public health
4. Potential impact
5. Novel (e.g. original, innovative)
6. Use of sound methodology

Because the Delta Omega Student Poster Session is held as part of APHA's scientific sessions, presenters must adhere to APHA's guidelines. Students should review the guidelines

(<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2018/cfp.cgi>)

before submitting an abstract for consideration. Abstracts cannot exceed 250 words.

Student Recognition

Student awards and cash prizes will be presented during the Delta Omega social hour, which will be held during the annual meeting (date, time and location TBA). The poster session will be held during the APHA scientific sessions. The student abstracts will also be published on the Delta Omega national website and photos of the event will be on the [Delta Omega Official Facebook Page](#).

Please feel free to contact the Delta Omega National Office with any questions or suggestions at (202) 296-1099 or email Delta Omega at deltaomega@aspph.org.