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**2020 USPHS SCIENTIFIC & TRAINING SYMPOSIUM:  
ADVANCING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR NATION**

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**Call for Posters**

The theme for the 2020 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium highlights a key aspect of the mission of the U.S. Public Health Service – advancing the health and safety of our nation. One of the many strengths of our service is the vast range of knowledge, skills, and capabilities USPHS Commissioned Corps officers possess and apply to protect and advance public health and safety. This year’s Symposium theme seeks to enhance visibility and awareness of the varied ways PHS officers contribute toward achieving this piece of our mission in our daily work and through partnerships with local, state, tribal, federal, international, and non-governmental organizations among others. Our greatest strength is our officers: dedicated professionals who work in diverse but complementary fields such as disease control and prevention; emergency response; health research; environmental health; health education; regulation of food, drugs, and medical devices; mental health and substance abuse; health care delivery; and global health security – all with the common goal of optimizing the health of our nation and the world.

Abstract submissions of original research, education, practice, advocacy, policy, program evaluation, or case studies related to the theme are welcome.

The Symposium’s Scientific Track Sessions focus on the measurable impacts achieved by USPHS Commissioned Corps officers and our public health partners and how these efforts advance the health and safety of our nation.

Authors must also include three keywords related to their abstract.

The following criteria will be used to review abstracts:

- Relevance to overall Symposium theme
- Quality of learning objectives
- Implications/conclusions for public health practice
- Innovation/originality
- Overall clarity of abstract

The deadline for abstract submissions is **March 30, 2020**.

If you have any technical issues or questions about the abstract submission process, please contact: [symposium@phscf.org](mailto:symposium@phscf.org).

All accepted posters will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall during the Symposium (details will be shared when finalized). Presenters will be encouraged to stand by their poster during judging (time to be determined) to answer any questions from judges and conference attendees.

The top posters will be recognized during the symposium. The top Officer/Civilian poster presenter will receive complimentary registration for the 2021 Symposium and a certificate of recognition (note, if there is more than one presenter per poster, only one presenter will receive a complimentary registration). The winning poster presenter must be standing with their poster during judging to be eligible for the complimentary registration.

All submitters must be in compliance with basic readiness requirements and have no active adverse actions. Submitters must confirm they have followed their agency's clearance / approval processes for the material being submitted. Officers whose submissions are accepted must submit final versions of their posters for review in advance of the symposium. Details and timelines will be shared when finalized.