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Dear Colleague:

The Harvard Medical School Minority Faculty Development Program (MFDP) and the Biomedical Science Careers Program (BSCP) will hold the thirteenth annual New England Science Symposium (NESS) on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at The Harvard Medical School Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at located at 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur in Boston, Massachusetts. NESS, established in 2002, provides a forum for postdoctoral fellows; medical, dental and graduate students; post-baccalaureates; college and community college students (particularly for African-American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native individuals) to share their biomedical and health-related research activities through oral or poster presentations, to engage in discussions related to career development in the sciences, to exchange ideas and to expand their professional networks. There will be awards for winners of both oral and poster presenters in different categories. The NESS sponsors are: The Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School, the Biomedical Science Careers Program and Harvard Catalyst/Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center.

We are asking for your help in identifying postdoctoral fellows; medical, dental and graduate students; post-baccalaureates; college and community college students (particularly African-American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native individuals) involved in biomedical or health-related scientific research who would benefit from presenting their research projects at the symposium.

Each abstract must include the following information and be submitted by January 9, 2014:

1. Name of the author(s)
2. Suffixes (degree obtained): B.S., M.S., M.D., Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D., D.M.D./D.D.S. or other
3. Contact information: mailing and e-mail addresses – phone numbers
4. Institution, academic level and expected year of graduation/program completion
5. Funding source(s)/research sponsor(s)
6. Research title
7. The abstract (not to exceed 400 words in total) must demonstrate the scientific problem and must contain:
   • Statement of the Problem/Background
   • Research Question/Hypothesis
   • Research Design/Methods Used in the Investigation
   • Results/Summary of the Investigation
   • Interpretation/Conclusion of the Investigation

There is no registration fee for this symposium, but preregistration is required and seating is limited.


Continental breakfast and lunch on Sunday, April 6, 2014 will be provided to all participants. Please see attached tentative agenda.

If you are aware of other persons who may have access to students/fellows who meet the above criteria, please share the information with them. For further information, please contact Pinar Kilicci-Kret at pinar_kilicci-kret@hms.harvard.edu or 617-432-5580.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

7:45 AM - 8:15 AM  Registration - Continental Breakfast

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM  Opening Session

8:30 AM - 9:35 AM  Oral Presentations of Scientific Research – Session # 1

9:35 AM - 10:15 AM  Plenary Session – Keynote Address

10:15 AM - 10:25 AM  Break

10:25 AM – 11:30 AM  Oral Presentations of Scientific Research – Session # 2

11:30 AM - 12:40 PM  Luncheon and Networking

12:40 PM - 2:40 PM  Poster Session

2:40 PM - 3:45PM  Oral Presentations of Scientific Research – Session # 3

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM  Networking Reception

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM  Awards Ceremony