



The Disability Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) announces availability of \$1000 Career Enhancement Scholarship opportunities for 2020. These scholarships can be used by the awardees as desired, including covering expenses for attendance at the Disability Section Scientific Program and Business meeting at the *APHA 2020 Annual Meetings and Expo in San Francisco, October 24-28, 2020*.

Who is eligible? All graduate students focusing their studies on disability and health at universities in the U.S., including students involved in the work of CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities programs and initiatives, State Disability and Health grantees, LEND, UCEDD and IDDRC students, AUCD Network Trainees, disability studies students, health professional students, etc. Applicants must be enrolled during the fall 2020 semester **and are eligible to receive the scholarship once**. You do not need to be a current APHA member. However, you need to submit an abstract to the APHA Disability Section for review and potential presentation at the *APHA 2020 Annual Meetings and Expo in San Francisco, October 24-28, 2020*.

How can I apply? Begin the application process by submitting an abstract to present at the APHA conference in San Francisco. Abstracts are due February 20, 2020. For abstract submission details and the online submission form, please visit <https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/dis.htm>

Students who submit abstracts will then be contacted with the opportunity to provide additional information through a brief on-line application.

Although APHA membership is not required to submit an abstract, if your abstract is accepted you will need to join APHA in order to present at the Annual Meeting.

What are the selection criteria? Awardees will be selected based in part on the quality of their abstracts. Abstracts will be ranked on strength of research and extent to which the research meets the goals of the disability section.

Please note: Only the first author of an abstract will be considered for a scholarship. If multiple students have worked on a project, we encourage submission of multiple abstracts emphasizing various aspect of the project so that each student can be first author on an abstract. There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by any given author or team.

What will be expected of me? Students submitting abstracts will be contacted in March with the opportunity to apply with a brief on-line application (a 300-word essay regarding their current work/training and how they plan to use their education and skills to eliminate disability-related health disparities in the future). These materials may be used on our website as part of highlighting Section members' interests and activities.

About the Disability Section: We are a diverse group working in academic, community-based, and private institutions, federal and local government agencies, and non-governmental organizations. Together, we strive to raise awareness and promote actions related to improving the health and inclusion of people with disabilities.