



Gerontological Nursing Science RIG

CALL FOR COMPETITIVE SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

SYMPOSIUM TITLE: *Research with Older Adults in Times of Crisis*

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS: **JULY 20, 2020 by 11:59pm EDT**

The Gerontological Nursing Science RIG is pleased to sponsor a call for abstracts for a proposed Competitive Symposium titled, ***“Research with Older Adults in Times of Crisis.”*** This symposium will highlight various challenges faced when designing and conducting research with older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic and other times of crisis. The presenters will offer recommendations and strategies for adapting research to these unusual circumstances and ensuring continued progression of research that addresses critical issues relevant to the health and wellbeing of older adults and their families. Submission of both completed and in process work is welcome. **Appropriate topics for this symposium include, but are not limited to, research related to:**

- Strategies for adapting in-person research activities and interventions to remote versions while ensuring rigor and fidelity
- Partnership with older adults to develop and implement meaningful research studies during challenging times
- Recruitment and retention considerations during times of crisis
- Informed consent, cognitive abilities, and other ethical considerations
- Practical considerations for study implementation and completion
- Opportunities for ensuring continued research or evidence-based field experiences with older adults for doctoral and undergraduate students/trainees

From **June 26, 2020 – July 20, 2020**, abstracts can be emailed to Dr. Mary Whipple (mary.whipple@cuanschutz.edu) by the primary author. Abstracts are to be limited to 350 words and include the following: Purpose/Background, Framework, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.

Abstracts will be scored by each RIG’s Symposium Committee according to significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed theme. One (1) Competitive Symposium of the top 3-5 abstracts will be submitted to the Program Planning Committee for a blind peer review. The primary author will be notified of their inclusion status for the submitted symposium by **August 4, 2020** and, if included in the submitted symposium, of the final approval/acceptance status of the symposium by **September 8, 2020**.

PLEASE NOTE: Authors of abstracts which are not selected may submit to the General Call for Competitive Abstracts, which is open **August 5, 2020** through **October 22, 2020**.