



**Research thru Academic-Clinical Partnerships RIIG
Competitive Symposium
2022 Call for Abstracts**

Conference Location: Schaumburg, IL ~ March 30 to April 2, 2022

Symposium Title: Trusted Bridge Builders for Achieving Health Equity

Due: Friday, July 23, 2021

The Research thru Academic-Clinical Partnerships RIIG is pleased to announce a call for speakers for a Guaranteed Symposium titled, *Trusted Bridge Builders for Achieving Health Equity*.

The *Future of Nursing 2020-2030* challenges our profession to focus on the complexities and inequities within our healthcare system by maximizing our many opportunities as change agents.

Purpose of the Symposium

The purpose of this symposium is to demonstrate how nurses mediate the inequities of health care through partnerships in research, evidence-based practice, and/or multi-disciplinary quality improvement projects to effectively improve health care to individuals and communities who have traditionally been underserved.

Desired Content

This is a call for completed research studies, evidence-based practice (EBP) projects, and/or quality improvement work that address the symposium purpose. Topics being sought include, but are not limited to:

- Partnerships, interventions, or policies that address or focus on nurses' wellbeing
- Partnerships or collaborations using shared agendas for addressing social determinants of health (SDOH) and health equity
- Sustaining nursing research and EBP in clinical environments within the context of the COVID (during and post) pandemic
- Partnering with community, state, national, and/or international organizations to achieve health equity at policy-making and system levels
- Interventions, policies, or partnerships that address health inequities and/or foster inclusivity for health promotion or disease prevention
- Promoting health across care continuum and/or within communities.

Symposium Format

- 90-minute panel discussion
- Introduction, 3 speakers (12 minutes each)
- Discussion/Q & A session

Presenter And Abstract Eligibility Requirements

- At least one of the partners within each presentation must be a MNRS member.
- Research studies, evidence-based practice (EBP) projects, and/or quality improvement work must be complete (work in-progress will not be considered) and must address the symposium purpose.
- Abstract must follow the requested format (see below) and word limit (350 words).

Application Process

- Send abstract to Élise Arsenault Knudsen, Chair of the Research Thru Academic Clinical Partnership RIIG, at earsenaultknudsen@uwhealth.org by **Friday, July 23, 2021**.

Selection Process

- The RIIG's competitive symposium's abstract review committee will review blinded abstracts and score them according to significance, innovation, and fit with the symposium purpose.
- The symposium planning committee will select at least three abstracts for presentation based upon abstract criteria and desired content.

Notification

- The RIIG Chair will notify presenters of acceptance by August 4, 2021.
- PLEASE NOTE: Authors of abstracts that are not selected for the symposium may submit their abstract to the MNRS General Call for Competitive Abstracts which opens August 9, 2021. The deadline to submit individual Competitive Abstracts is October 22, 2021.

Abstract Submission Format

Abstracts are limited to 350 words and must include the following content according to type of inquiry:

Research Study Abstracts

- **Title**
- **Background/Significance/Rationale:** Explain the background and significance of the research topic, the partnership / collaboration used, and address how this topic and study aligns with this symposium's purpose.
- **Purpose and/or research question:** State the purpose of the study and/or the research question being addressed.
- **Methods:** Describe the study design, including the use of a theory or framework guided the study, sample, measures, data collection procedures, and data analysis.
- **Results:** Discuss findings within the context of prior research, conceptual framework, and study limitations.
- **Conclusions:** Address how this study has implications for ongoing partnerships.

Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Project or Quality Improvement (QI) Work Abstracts

- **Title**

- **Background and Significance:** Indicate the current state of practice, the significance of the problem, and the clinical or practical relevance of the project; address how this topic and work aligns with this symposium's purpose and provide information about the partnership / collaboration.
- **Purpose:** State the purpose of the project; be clear which process was used (EBP or QI).
- **Methods:** Describe the project, including: the framework or model that guided the process, the population, implementation process, and process and outcome metrics. EBP projects must clearly indicate how the literature synthesis and practice recommendations guided the implementation efforts. QI work must include the process(es) for improvement.
- **Results:** Describe the findings of the project, the outcomes of the implementation effort.
- **Implications for Practice / Next Steps / Conclusions:** Discuss how this work has implications for nursing practice, describe what should happen next for this topic area; address how this study has implications for ongoing partnerships.