



Gerontological Nursing Science RIIG

CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

Older Adults Connection to Society: The Importance of Engagement

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS: JULY 22, 2022 by 11:59pm EDT

The Gerontological Nursing Science RIIG is pleased to sponsor a call for abstracts for a proposed Symposium titled, ***“Older Adults Connection to Society: The Importance of Engagement.”*** This symposium will highlight older adults’ connection to society across settings and populations of older adults. Potential topics include social connectedness, engagement, and equity and inclusion of older adults. Studies at all stages, using any research methods (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, mixed) are welcome. Submission of both completed and in process work is welcome. **Appropriate topics for this symposium include, but are not limited to, research related to:**

- Interventions to improve social connectedness
- Exploratory research on connectedness in older adults: Impact of health, mobility, living arrangements, loss of family/friends
- Achieving equity and inclusion for older adults in our society
- Other related topics: social support, volunteering, alternative therapies

From **June 28, 2022 – July 22, 2022**, abstracts can be emailed to Clarissa Shaw (clarissa-shaw@uiowa.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 the Gero RIIG’s Symposium Committee according to significance, innovation, and fit with the proposed theme. One (1) 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 9, 2022** and, if included in the submitted symposium, of the final approval/acceptance status of the symposium by **September 9, 2022**.

PLEASE NOTE: Authors of abstracts which are not selected may submit to the General Call for Competitive Abstracts, which is open **August 11, 2022** through **October 21, 2022**.