Greetings, BPD members, interested faculty members, and students,

We are excited to announce the invitation to social work students to participate in this year’s National Student Research Poster Competition at the 2025 BPD Conference in Las Vegas! Please share this out with your students.

The larger BPD Conference will be held from March 12-15, 2025, and the BPD Student Conference will be held on Friday, March 14th. The theme of the Student Conference is: “Social workers providing services to individuals, families, and communities in a politically and philosophically divided nation.” All students interested in sharing their research during the Student Conference should complete the attached Call for Proposals to describe their projects for consideration in the annual research poster competition. **All proposals are due on November 30th, 2024.** [**Link to Student Conference Call Submission.**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pJwwAzMX-UqnPPGMyEEyXBniX-re885Eg3KBPZUT-WNUMEtYWVdJUFJQSUQ0R1EzSlNDMEg5VzI0OS4u)

Individual and group research projects are welcome. Please note that in an effort to include more student work this year in the Research Poster Competition, the Call for Proposals is now open for submissions in the three specific areas below:

1. Empirical Research Projects or Proposals (qualitative or quantitative)
2. Non-empirical Projects (e.g., historical research; conceptual research paper; policy analysis; critical literature reviews)
3. Community service focused projects

Proposals will be ranked in December, and finalists will be invited to create poster presentations of their work for judging at the BPD Student Conference. Awards will be given to BSW students and will include an award certificate and a modest monetary award. All students will receive a certificate of participation. Projects focused on aging are encouraged as there is a separate award for the best project focused on this topic (the Mitt Joyner Gerontology Award).

Of course, all participating students and faculty are invited to participate in both the Student Conference on March 14 and the full 2024 BPD Conference from March 12-15. Access the full BPD conference website here: <https://www.bswpdonline.org/the-conference>

**Helpful Information for students attending the BPD Conference:**

* Student registration is $100.00, but students who volunteer at least 4 hours at the conference can pay a reduced conference admission, which will be $25.00.
* Students will have the opportunity to meet and network with social work students from around the country and connect with staff/faculty to learn about MSW programs during the Student Conference!
* The full agenda for the Student Conference will be shared at a later date.
* Students will need to work with their faculty to book transportation and lodging at Harrah’s Hotel.

For further information about the BPD Student Conference and Poster Competition, please feel free to contact BPD 2025 Student Conference chairs Dr. K Scherrer (ksherrer3@msudenver.edu) or Dr. Jessica Ritter (jritter9@msudenver.edu).