APA Presents the 16th Annual Environmental Health Scholars Retreat, November 1-3, 2019, Providence RI

The annual Environmental Health Scholars Retreat, supported by APA for over 15 years, gives trainees an opportunity to present research in progress in an informal setting with faculty input on the project and presentation. Many past attendees have gone on to successful research careers. In addition, national and international leaders in environmental health give talks and keynote symposium; past speakers have included the Director of NIEHS and Administrator of the EPA. Each year we hold a pre-meeting workshop on Friday afternoon designed to build academic and research skills. This coming meeting it will be on Grant Writing: From Specific Aims to Understanding Reviewers led by Dr. Robert Wright of Mount. Sinai School of Medicine. The workshop is followed by dinner and a keynote address. Trainee presentations take place Saturday and Sunday morning. A second keynote address is given with the Saturday dinner. The meeting adjourns by 11:00 AM on Sunday the 3rd.

Who should apply?
We invite applications from pre- and post doctoral trainees, as well as clinical fellows. We are hoping to get an interdisciplinary mix of fellows from many different backgrounds. Trainees and fellows are encouraged to submit works in progress.

About the Retreat
This is a 2.5 day event designed to promote academic development for trainees interested in Children’s Environmental Health. The retreat will be held at the Brown University School of Public in Providence, RI, which is a short walk from the Amtrak Train Station and Hampton Inn hotel where accommodations are provided.

The retreat is small (about 30 people in total attend, about 10 faculty and ~15 trainees with sponsored travel and 4-5 guest speakers). Each trainee or fellow presents a 10 minute work in progress talk. Each talk is assigned to a faculty attendee who reviews the talk in an informal setting and then moderates discussion among the larger group. Saturday’s lunch will include an informal panel on career development that will bring together junior, mid-career and senior faculty for discussion on obtaining, starting and maintaining a faculty job in academics.

Application Process
The application consists of a 300 word abstract of in-progress research, along with contact information. The top abstracts based on the training levels (we aim for a mix of early and late stage trainees and fellows), quality of the proposed research, and relevance to children’s environmental health will be selected. Invited trainees will have all travel expenses covered.
Please send all abstracts to andrea.king-vilaro@mssm.edu Due date is September 6, 2019. Trainees and fellows will be notified by September 13, 2019 if awarded.

Faculty interested in attending should contact Robert Wright, robert.wright@mssm.edu.

**APA Environmental Scholars Retreat Application; November 1-3; Providence, RI**

Applicant Name____________________________________
Advisor/Mentor:_____________________________________
Email: _______________________________________________
Institution___________________________________________
Year of training Predoctoral year ____
    Or Postdoctoral Year ____
    Or Clinical Fellow Year ____
Title of Research Project______________________________
Abstract Text (please limit to 300 words)