9TH ANNUAL BLACK DOCTORAL NETWORK CONFERENCE
Black Excellence in Research, Theory and Practice
OCTOBER 28 – 30, 2021

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Black Doctoral Network Conference Committee is inviting abstract submissions for the 2021 conference themed: Black Excellence in Research, Theory and Practice. This year's conference showcases the collective impact of Black excellence in our academic institutions and professional careers. Scholars, researchers, practitioners, and activists are invited to demonstrate their individual and collective achievements in their respective disciplines and work experiences. What is your contribution to Black excellence? What is needed from self, academic institutions and the community at large to continue pursuing necessary research endeavors amid a global pandemic? In what ways does your research as a practitioner attain and maximize opportunities to further claims, theories, and findings that advance the Black agenda during times of social unrest? How does your research challenge the mainstream narrative concerning Black economic, political and social agendas using traditional and contemporary research approaches? Three conference tracks will guide our time together.

Research and Scholarship
Research and scholarship are the heart of knowledge creation and the generation of new and novel approaches to complex issues. This track invites submissions that showcase the broad tapestry of Black excellence in research and scholarship. Researchers and scholars in STEM, humanities, communications, human services, healthcare, and education are invited to share their work in their respective disciplines.

Professional and Academic Success
Many scholars have developed strategies and programs that are effective in preparing today's students to achieve in their areas of interests amid an unprecedented global pandemic. This track invites papers showcasing tools and techniques for maintaining self-determination; identifying and utilizing key stakeholders; and establishing systems that support academic achievement.

Positive Outcomes and Advancements in the Black Community
Black excellence influences where we live and work. Many of the theories and research findings established in academia and laboratories are positioned to do the most good when the impact of the knowledge gained is able to transform the lives of those who live in our communities. This track invites papers showcasing the outcomes of those who are dedicated to interrupting the daily rhythms of the status quo through work in academia, professional environments, and social movements.

We invite broad engagement between activists, scholar-practitioners and academics that address the conference theme. Papers that will reflect on this theme are especially encouraged, but we accept submissions on any topic.

Priority Deadline: May 2, 2021 at 11:59PM EST
Rolling Deadline: August 1, 2021 at 11:59PM EST
To submit an abstract visit: **blackphdnetwork.submittable.com/submit**

Submission Information

Submission of abstracts from graduate and doctoral students, recent Ph.D. graduates and academic professionals across disciplines are welcome. We accept abstracts from (1) individuals who wish to present on a panel and from (2) groups who want to create their own panel. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words typed, double spaced, using a 12pt font. Submissions should be anonymous – please do not include your name or the name of your institution on the document. Include the title of your abstract, the conference track you have selected and note whether it is an individual or a group submission. All group submissions require at least three presenters.

Priority Deadline Submissions

Submitting author will receive a confirmation message upon submitting the abstract. Acceptance announcements will be sent via email in **late-May** to the submitting author. Accepted presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and confirm their acceptance by **June 30, 2021**. Failure to register and confirm acceptance by June 30th will result in rescinding acceptance.

Rolling Deadline Submissions

Acceptance announcements will be sent via email **starting late-June** and all throughout July and August depending on space availability. Accepted presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and confirm their acceptance within 21 days from their acceptance notification. Failure to register and confirm acceptance will result in rescinding acceptance.

Presentation Details

Your presentation should describe the purpose, methods, and conclusions of your research. Individual presenters will be assigned to a panel and will have 15 minutes to deliver their presentations. Group presentations will be given 45 minutes to deliver their presentations and require at least 3 presenters. You may not submit or take part in more than one panel presentation; presenters may give one and only one paper at the conference. However, you are welcome to make a workshop submission when the Call For Workshops open in late-June.

Conference Highlights

The Conference will be an interdisciplinary event that brings together academics and professionals from the social sciences, STEM, and humanities to address how we can positively impact and inform each other's work and engage with our communities. In addition to interdisciplinary panel presentations, this conference will have interactive roundtables and small group forum discussions. Professors and corporate professionals from various fields will converse and give insight on the need for interconnectedness throughout the academy and community. Workshops on handling job talks, grant writing and proposals, balancing relationships, and stress and time management will also be addressed. To learn more about our conference visit: https://blackphdnetwork.org/conference

For questions regarding the Call for Papers please contact:

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