

Call for Applications  
Sixth Annual Society for Prevention Research  
Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup  
June 2, 2011, Washington, DC

Application Deadline: December 17, 2010

Significant advances in prevention science are often due to a team of individuals working closely together across many years. In recognition of the importance of the collaborative process to the field, the Society for Prevention Research (SPR) will sponsor a friendly competition amongst teams of researchers for the honor of bringing home the traveling Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Cup is named for two of the founders and long time active members of SPR, Dr. Zili Sloboda and Dr. William Bukoski. The Cup competition is an opportunity for an unique experience: several independent teams of scientists, each working with the same data set, problem solve together for a brief period of time and then jointly present their ideas to each other and a larger group of experienced prevention scientists.

#### Annual Meeting

The 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research will be held in Washington, DC from May 31 through June 3, 2011. The meeting includes one day of high quality pre-conference training workshops on topics relevant to prevention science. The theme for the meeting this year is "Prevention Scientists Promoting Global Health: Emerging Visions for Today and Tomorrow". The conference hotel will be the Hyatt Regency Washington. Last year, over 700 prevention scientists, practitioners, and advocates attended the meeting in Denver.

#### Competition

SPR Cup teams will receive a data set via email two months prior to the annual meeting. Each team then will conduct a literature review, generate hypotheses, conduct analyses, and prepare a presentation for a 10-minute symposium talk on their results.

Teams will present their results during an invited symposium at the SPR annual meeting. Both a panel of senior prevention scientist judges and the symposium audience will rate the quality of the research and the presentation. Both verbal and written feedback will be provided to teams about their work.

The highest scoring team will be recognized and awarded the SPR Cup during the SPR Awards Ceremony.

#### Past Champions

2006 Sun Devil Scholars, Arizona State University

2007Prevention Geeks, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

2008Prevention Fellows, Pennsylvania State University

2009Penn State Pride, Pennsylvania State University

2010SIRC du Soleil, Arizona State University

## Teams

Teams are limited to five members. Each team should include participants with knowledge and practical experience in research methodology, data analysis, and conference presentation. Members may be from the same department or institution or multiple departments or institutions. Each team will designate a team captain, who will participate in several SPR Cup conference calls during the winter and spring of 2011.

## Eligible Participants

Eligible participants for teams are individuals who are either (1) currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral training program, or (2) have received their terminal graduate degree within the last 5 years and have not yet been a principal investigator on a research grant from a federal agency or private foundation.

## Data Set

A public data set relevant to prevention science will be used. Example data sets that have been used in past competitions include Monitoring the Future and the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The identity of the data set will be released during a conference call of team captains on March 31, 2011.

## Mentors

An experienced SPR Cup mentor will be assigned to advise each team and will be available for consultation via phone or email on an as needed basis. Teams may access other mentors as desired. All mentors must be acknowledged during the presentation.

## Publication

All participating teams will be strongly encouraged to refine their analyses after the meeting and to generate publishable products. The highest scoring teams may be invited to submit a manuscript to be considered for publication in SPR's flagship journal Prevention Science. To date, several teams have published manuscripts related to their SPR Cup presentations in peer-reviewed journals, including Prevention Science. Other manuscripts are in progress.

## Application Process

To apply, send an email to J. Mark Eddy, Ph.D., SPR Cup Co-Chair, [marke@oslc.org](mailto:marke@oslc.org), with the subject line "2011 SPR Cup Submission". Within the email, for each team member, please include name, highest academic degree, current position, primary institutional affiliation, a brief summary of research skills and expertise, and contact information. Please list a team name and designate a team captain. A receipt of submission will be sent to the team captain.

Up to four teams will be accepted for the competition this year. Teams whose members meet the qualifications above will be accepted in the order of when applications are received.

The deadline for application is December 17, 2010. Accepted teams will be informed via email by January 17, 2011.

Further Information

Questions are welcome. Please contact Mark Eddy via [marke@oslc.org](mailto:marke@oslc.org)