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, each year, the Society for Prevention Research (SPR) sponsors a friendly competition amongst teams of researchers. The winning team earns the honor of bringing home the Sloboda and Bukoski SPR Cup.

The Cup is named for two of the founders and longtime active members of SPR, Dr. Zili Sloboda and Dr. William Bukoski. The 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.

**Competition Process**

SPR Cup teams receive a data set via email approximately 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. A panel of senior prevention scientist judges and the audience at the symposium will rate the quality of the research work and of 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 Annual Awards Presentations.


**Eligible Participants**

Eligible participants 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.

**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.