Society for Prevention Research
Training Needs Assessment Task Force
Preconference Workshops Three-year Plan, 2019-2021*

The SPR Preconference Workshop three-year plan, 2019-2021, has been informed by the work of the SPR Training Needs Assessment Task Force (TNATF) in a two-year project during which it surveyed the SPR membership and other stakeholders on the training needs of prevention scientists. Next, the TNATF developed the three-year plan based on the most highly endorsed training needs according to the survey.

2019, San Francisco, Use of Big Data in Designing and Evaluating Prevention Interventions
Based on the work of the TNATF the following training needs have been identified: (1) longitudinal research design and/or data analysis, (2) complex systems and systems theory, and (3) propensity score methods. Thus, in addition to general proposals we are also looking for proposals related to these three TNATF-identified areas.

2020, Washington, DC, Why Context Matters: Towards a Place-Based Prevention Science
Based on the work of the TNATF the following topics relevant to this year's conference theme have been identified as training needs: (1) understanding the role of context in shaping health behavior, (2) theories underlying the mechanisms of health disparities, and (3) developing cultural competency and community collaborations. Thus, in addition to general proposals we are also looking for proposals related to these topics.

2021, Washington, DC, Next Generation of Bio/Behavior/Context-Informed Prevention Interventions
Based on the work of the TNATF the following training needs have been identified: (1) better understanding the role of context in shaping health behavior, (2) biological and physical data collection and analysis, and (3) hybrid designs. Thus, in addition to general proposals we are also looking for proposals related to better understanding the role of context in shaping health behavior, biological and physical data collection and analysis, and hybrid designs.

*Please note this is a preliminary plan which may be updated.