Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Health in Buildings Roundtable (HiBR)
Scholars Program
for the

2018 Health in Buildings for Today and Tomorrow: Making Connections
An Interdisciplinary Conference on Health and the Sustainable Built Environment

1. **What is the program about?**
   - The HiBR Scholars Program created in 2018 shares the HiBR goal of interdisciplinary, paradigm-shifting research, education and policy on human-centered healthy and sustainable buildings.
   - The Scholars Program strives to foster future generations by recognizing each scholar’s accomplishments and potential while ensuring equal access to HiBR’s resources and community.
   - The Scholars Program places continued emphasis on connecting scholars to each other, to mentors and potential career development resources.

2. **Who are the 2018 Co-Chairs for the program and what is their role?**
   Co-chairs
   Pat Phelan – phelan@asu.edu
   Linda Sorrento – Lsorrento2@gmail.com
   - Coordinate efforts for the Scholars Program with program manager, plenary & track chairs, conference planner
   - Review and approve Scholar selection and limited travel awards with the selection committee consisting of Ming Hu, Jennifer Roberts and Nora Wang
   - Ensure Scholars are engaged before, during and post-conference

3. **Who are the Partners of the 2018 Scholars Program?**
   Accepted: Dr. Antwi Akom, PhD, Professor & Founding Director UCSF and SFSU Social Innovation and Urban Opportunity Lab (SOUL) & Co-Founder & CEO Streetwyze
   - Guest Speaker on Thursday, July 19 – Introduces the Scholars Program and Recognizes the Scholars

4. **Who is eligible to be a Scholar?**
   Graduate students, junior researchers, faculty members (who are not full professors), and individuals whose backgrounds are underrepresented in HiBR including members of racial and ethnic minority groups, LGBTQ and persons with disabilities

5. **Is there a special designation for the Scholars?**
   Yes, a name badge to signify the Scholars and their title
6. How will the Scholars participate in the Conference?

Scholars will have details of their participation when they are notified of Abstract acceptance on May 1st.

- **Poster Sessions:**
  - Poster sessions that will be held for the entire conference audience during the lunch break on one or both days
  - The poster session provides an opportunity to visually present research and project storyboards. During a short introduction at the beginning of the poster session, we will ask presenters to give a one-minute “pitch” describing their posters; following the pitches, we ask that presenters stand with their posters for the remainder of the session (approximately one hour) to engage with participants, respond to questions, and provide further details about their work.

- **Breakout Sessions:**
  Scholars will be expected to assist with breakouts sessions. Faculty will be engaged at a higher level.

- **Greeting table and mentors:**
  A table will be designated for the Scholars hosted by co-chairs to welcome the Scholars, provide guidance, initiate lively conversations and discuss takeaways from conference.

- **Post-conference:**
  All presentations and posters will be published online. Select authors will be invited to prepare full-length articles for archival publication after the workshop.

7. Are the poster sessions open to other speakers beyond the Scholars Program?

Yes, a Call for Poster Abstract Proposals will be open to all. Priority given to the HiBR Scholars Program recipients signified as “Scholars Program” include graduate students, junior researchers and faculty (who are not full professors), and individuals whose backgrounds are underrepresented in HiBR including individuals of racial and ethnic minority groups, LGBTQ and persons with disabilities.

8. How are the Scholars selected?

**Call for Abstract Proposals:**

Abstracts are solicited for poster sessions that will be held for the entire conference audience. The poster sessions provide a unique forum to explore the conference topics that will fuel discussions during the conference. Poster sessions are intended to bring forward knowledge of best practices and tangible results in the area of health and sustainable buildings.

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workshop. All submissions will be peer-reviewed. Presenters are responsible for printing their own posters in a format acceptable to the HiBR conference guidelines.

9. What is the submission process?
   In order to submit a Poster Session for consideration, please send a maximum of 200 words abstract and short bio by April 16th to hibr.conf@gmail.com with the subject line HiBR Poster Session Abstract. Indicate the appropriate track on the abstract submission; your background on the abstract submission for consideration for the Scholars Program and Limited Travel Support.

10. What are the deadlines for Scholars submissions?
   April 16: 200-word Abstract submission
   May 1: Abstract notification
   May 15: Conference and Hotel registration
   July 1: Submission of electronic copy of Poster Session Final to hibr.conf@gmail.com with the subject line HiBR Poster Session Final
   July 19-20: Conference, NIH Campus Natcher Center

11. What is the selection criteria?
   The submissions will be PEER reviewed by co-chairs and others on the selection committee.

12. Is there funding for the Scholars?
   • Limited travel support is available through a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Environmental Sustainability Program. Priority will be given to graduate students, junior researchers and faculty (who are not full professors), and individuals whose backgrounds are underrepresented in HiBR including individuals of racial and ethnic minority groups, LGBTQ and persons with disabilities.
   • Limited travel support is available for all speakers, however priority is given to the Scholars
   • Scholars can also provide their own funding to attend

13. What is the dollar amount for the Limited Travel Support?
   Each award for travel will be up to $1,000. Each recipient will be required to complete a W-9 and submit original receipts to Pat Phelan – phelan@asu.edu

14. What is expectation for the quantity of Scholars for the 2018 Conference?
   Depending on the response, the expectation is for 10 to 15 Scholars