

September 15, 2020

Subject: Invitation to Medical Student Research Day, November 12 and 13, 2020

Dear Medical Students:

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor (AOA) Medical Society and the Office of Student Research in the Dean's Office cordially invites all medical students to the **43rd Annual [Medical Student Research Day \(MSRD\)](#)** to be held in the afternoons of **Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13, 2020** virtually through Zoom. Medical Student Research Day is a proud tradition at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. **We invite current Medical Students who have completed at least one year of medical school to present their research during medical school** in either oral presentation or poster presentation format. Presentations will be judged, and awards and monetary prizes will be given in recognition of outstanding research presentations.

Please plan to join us during opening remarks for the **keynote address**. Following two afternoons of presentations, **we invite you to also join us during the awards recognition to celebrate** your research achievements, your participation in MSRD, and the honored awardees. Please come and support your fellow medical students, peruse the wide range of research, and enjoy the festivities.

All are welcome to attend MSRD. Please feel free to extend the invitation to your faculty mentors and other research colleagues. The event will begin with opening remarks and keynote address at 1:00 p.m. on Day 1, presentations from 2:15 - 5:30 p.m. on Day 1 and 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. on Day 2, and will conclude with the Awards segment at 3:30 - 4:30p.m. Please respond through the [MSRD Interest Form](#) by **October 16** if planning to attend the event.

If you would like to present at MSRD, you must first register your presentation and then later submit your abstract. Presentation registration is currently open and due by September 29. Detailed information including eligibility and presentation registration are attached and can also be found in the "Presentation Registration" document available on the event webpage. **Abstract submission** for registered presentations will **open on September 25 and close on October 16.** Detailed instructions for abstract submission and procedures for presenting will be provided. **Please note that prizes will be conveyed only to those awardees who are present at the awards banquet.**

Questions regarding MSRD can be submitted through the [Ask MSRD](#) form.

Sincerely,

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