

AcademyHealth Disparities Interest Group Student Essay Contest

Healthy People 2020 defines a health disparity as “a particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage. Health disparities adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on their racial or ethnic group; religion; socioeconomic status; gender; age; mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion.”

Health disparities are pervasive and harmful. As health disparities researchers, policy makers, and practitioners, we are all working towards the goal of eliminating health disparities. It will take a team effort, a multi-disciplinary and multi-sector approach to achieve health equity.

We want to hear from you...the future of our field: ***What do YOU think must happen over the next decade to eradicate health disparities?***

Please share your response in 500 words or less.

Winning essays will be shared on the AcademyHealth Disparities Interest Group listserv and the [Wright on Health](#) blog and winners will receive a 1-year student membership to AcademyHealth. Essays must be received no later than **5:00 CST on December 22nd**. Essays must include full contact information (name, title, organization, mailing address, phone number and email address) and proof of student status in order for your membership application to be processed. Winners will be notified on December 30th.

Directions for Submission: Email submissions to brad-wright@uiowa.edu with “AcademyHealth Essay” in the subject line by the deadline.

The “fine print”:

- Your essay must not violate any third-party rights, including, but not limited to, copyrights, trademark rights, or rights of privacy and publicity. By submitting an essay, you represent that you are the author of and own all rights to the essay.
- You agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Sponsor from and against any claim or cause of action that arises from or relates to your essay or your participation in any phase of this contest.
- Submissions cannot be revised or altered once submitted. Once submitted, all essays become the property of the Sponsor and will not be returned. Incomplete or inaccurate nominations are void.
- Full contact information and proof of student status must be included in order to process the membership application, which needs to occur by 12/31/17.