

Educational Access Institute, Inc.

VIRTUAL YOUTH SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY



Building Bridges of Opportunities & Success for Tomorrow's Leaders

VIRTUAL YOUTH SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY 2022



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

November 30, 2021 by 11:59 PM (EST)



OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



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<http://www.educationalaccess.net/events-2/youth-social-science-research-poster-opportunity/>

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COVER SHEET

*Must accompany poster abstract – please submit with your abstract as one file to:
Info.educationalaccess@gmail.com*

After submission, please look for an email from EAI with a File Number. If you do not receive a file number within five days, please email info.educationalaccess@gmail.com.

Name of Submitting Author: *(must be the first author of the poster)*

Name of Co-Authors in order:
(limit of two)

Title of Project:

School:

School's Address:

Contact Information

Email Address:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Contact Information

Parent/Guardian Name 1:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Parent/Guardian Name 2:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

VIRTUAL YOUTH SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDELINES

Educational Access Institute (EAI) invites high school students to participate in its virtual social science research presentation opportunity. The goal of this initiative is to create opportunities for high school students to engage in social science research about issues related to their schools and communities and to cultivate positive change agents among youth in the community and beyond.

Through this initiative, high school students will become:

- **EDUCATED:** about varied social issues affecting their schools and communities.
- **ENGAGED:** in social science research and the development and execution of research-based action plans for positive social changes in their schools and communities.
- **EMPOWERED:** to be active citizens and participants in their own personal growth and the growth of their peers, schools, and communities.

The competition is comprised of the following two research strands:

Strand 1: Youth Leadership Development & Civic Engagement: Civic engagement is the cornerstone for developing leadership skills in youth and has the potential to empower them, increase their self-determination, and give them the skills and self-confidence they need to achieve future success. The focus of this strand is on topics that address how youth participation in civic engagement activities can promote and/or support youth leadership development skills. Suggested areas of focus for this strand include (*please note that these are only suggested areas of focus*):

- Youth leadership development through participation in school and community activities.
- Civic engagement and youth leadership development
- Promoting equitable youth leadership development opportunities

Strand 2: Youth Leadership Development and the Arts: The arts provide a unique platform for youth to engage in opportunities that foster and promote the development of those leadership skills that position them for success in school and beyond. The focus of this strand is on topics related to how the arts foster or can foster equitable opportunities for youth leadership development. Suggested areas of focus for this strand include (*please note that these are only suggested areas of focus*):

- Youth leadership development through participation in the performing arts
- Youth leadership development through the creative and visual arts
- Fostering equity and access through the creative and visual arts
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Virtual Research Competition Overview

The competition is open to high school students in the United States and Jamaica. Participating competitors will demonstrate their engagement in high-quality research with an ability to present this research professionally and effectively to a non-specialized audience.

The competition will be virtual and will require competitors to submit a video of their PowerPoint research presentation. The video presentation should not exceed 15 minutes.

Extended Abstracts

- Abstracts must be accompanied by a brief biography of **no more 50 words** and the cover sheet on page 2
- Extended abstracts should provide information
 - the problem the study seeks to investigate,
 - the purpose of the study,
 - research questions, and
 - research methodology.
- **ONLY** abstracts that are relevant to the themes will be considered for the competition.
- All abstracts should be typed, double spaced, 1-inch margins using Times New Roman font (12 points).
- **ABSTRACTS SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 350 WORDS** in length.
- Based on the abstracts, a panel of judges will select the most promising entrants to participate in the research opportunity.

Submitting Your Extended Abstract

- Abstracts should be attached to an email and sent to info.educationalaccess@gmail.com. Please include the *Youth Social Science Research Opportunity* in the subject section of the email. Qualifying research presentations will be compiled by an EAI team member and uploaded to the organization's website.

Research Presentation Guidelines

Individuals chosen to participate in the research opportunity will be required to submit a video of their presentation along with a PDF version of the presentation with notes included

What Should Be Included in Your Presentation?

- **Introduction Page:** The heading for the poster should follow the format below:

<p>Title of Project (Bold, Centered, Times New Roman, 14 pt.)</p> <p>Author(s) (Centered, Times New Roman, 12 pt.)</p> <p>School, City, State, Zip (Centered, Times New Roman, 12 pt.)</p> <p>Keywords: List five keywords pertinent to your study</p>

- **Brief Introduction:** Participants should briefly introduce themselves.
- **Background Info** – Include existing research and/or literature about the topic (info found in Wikipedia and textbooks is not applicable here. Participants are encouraged to expand their knowledge by using additional resources found in the library or scholarly online data sources. (Google Scholar could be a great source for achieving this goal)
- **Problem Statement** – “What is the gap that needs to be filled?” and/or “What is the problem that needs to be solved?”
- **Purpose Statement** - Explain the goals/purpose and objectives of the study (what do you hope to find?).
- **Research Question** – What question did the study seek to answer? Research question(s) should be stated clearly and concisely.
- **Research Methodology**
 - Population – Which group did your study target?
 - Setting – The location of the study
 - Population Samplings – How were the study participants chosen?
 - Data Sources – what type of data were collected for the study?
 - Data Collection – How was data for the study?
 - Data Analysis – How did you analyze your data to identify your findings?
- **Findings** – What did you learn from the data
- **Plan of Action to Effect Change** – How will you use the findings to effect change?
- **Reference Listing** - A minimum of 12 references should be included in the presentation.

Information included in the poster should adhere to current APA 7th Edition formatting guidelines and should not include any grammatical or other writing errors.

Submitting Your Research Presentation

Competition finalists will be required to submit a video of their presentation along with a hard copy PowerPoint with notes included. The link to the video presentation and accompanying notes should be sent via email to info.educationalaccess@gmail.com. Please include *Youth Social Science Research Opportunity/Competition* in the subject section of the email.

How will Presentations be Judged?

Video presentations will be evaluated based on various criteria by a panel of judges who are experts in social science research.

Awards

- 1st Prize - \$150 and certificate of accomplishment
- 2nd Prize - \$100 and certificate of accomplishment
- 3rd Prize - \$ 50 plus certificate of accomplishment
- Honorable Mention (2) - \$20 gift card and certificate

All participants will receive certificates of participation

Deadlines

Abstracts, PowerPoints, videos will **not be accepted** after the due date and time specified below

- Applications Open: October 10, 2021
- Abstracts Due: November 30, 2021, by 11:59 p.m. (EST)
- Abstract Acceptance Notifications: Wednesday, December 15, 2021, by 11:59 PM (Eastern Standard Time) by 11:59 p.m. (EST).
- Video Presentations of Research Project Due: April 15, 2022, by 11:59 p.m. (EST)
- Judging of presentations: April 20th to April 30, 2022, by 11:59 p.m. (EST).
- Presentation competition results announced (via email): May 5, 2022, by 11:59 p.m. (EST).
- Awards presentation (synchronous virtual award ceremony will be held via Zoom or a similar platform): June 12, 2022, by 11:59 PM (EST)
- Posters compiled and uploaded to EAI website. Posters will remain on the website for a period of one year: July 30, 2022, by 11:59 PM (EST)

Four Basic Tips for Creating a Great PowerPoint Presentation

- Be creative! *Use a template that makes your presentation eye-catching but not distracting.*
- Keep the text brief! *Do not have a “wall of words.”*
- Use tables, diagrams, and concept maps, etc. where appropriate, to make the information easier to follow and understand.
- Choose a font that is easy to read.

Contact Information

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