



The Frederick D. Patterson Research  
Institute Research Symposium 2020

Atlanta, GA – July 12-13, 2020

Call for Proposal

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL PROPOSAL MATERIALS TO  
[CAREER.PATHWAYS@UNCF.ORG](mailto:CAREER.PATHWAYS@UNCF.ORG)  
BY FRIDAY, March 6, 2020 AT 11:59 P.M. ET.

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**HBCU Scholars:**

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**The Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute Research Symposium  
HUBCs Converge: One Mission. One Voice.**

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**Apply by March 6, 2020**

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**2020 Research Symposium**

UNCF's Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute (FDPRI) invites proposals for the Research Symposium in Atlanta, GA on July 12-13, 2020. The purpose of the one-day pre-convening is to facilitate the delivery of research, knowledge and best practices from academics and experts in higher education. Specifically, we want to highlight the voices of HBCU scholars and advocates. This year's theme for HBCU Converge is "One Mission. One Voice." Our theme illuminates the commonalities and united purpose of HBCUs. It also highlights how different functional areas across an institution work toward the same goal of higher education access and the generational success of its students. We encourage proposals which present the following sub-focus:

- cross-institutional/organizational collaboration
- workforce intersections
- issues of marginalization and inclusion with deep considerations of how representation and hierarchies of privilege (e.g., race, social class, ability, assigned sex, gender identity and expression, sexuality, religion/spirituality/faith, and global/transnational) play out across HBCUs.

The symposium consists of the presentation of research/scholarly papers, roundtables, symposia, and posters, as well as networking. UNCF's FDPRI Research Symposium offers attendees an opportunity to immerse themselves in best practices, research, advocacy, and policy efforts from higher education scholars who have produced work on topics related to HBCUs.

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**Presentation Proposal Format Descriptions**

**Papers:** Includes presentation of an individual scholarly research-paper, as a part of a panel of presenters. The full session will consist of three to four research papers from separate scholars that address a similar topic.

Allotted time: 60 minutes

**Proposal elements:**

- Abstract (150-200 words per paper if submitted as a full session)
- Relationship to the theme and sub-focus
- Presenter(s) information
- Chair and discussant (if submitting full paper panel)

**Roundtables:** these sessions provide an opportunity for authors to share information regarding their research in an informal, conversational style with interested persons. Accepted papers will be grouped by table, with each roundtable bringing together several papers that address similar topics. Each of these groups are assigned to a numbered table in a large meeting room. Each roundtable will have a chair to facilitate participation, but there will be no discussants. Given the informal structure of the roundtable presentation, no audiovisual equipment will be provided.

Allotted time: 90 minutes

**Proposal elements:**

- Abstract (150-200 words)
- Relationship to the theme
- Presenter information

**Panels:** provide opportunities for a group of individuals to present ideas on a common topic or theme that connects to or supports excellence at HBCUs. The session should include a panel of three to five panelists and a facilitator. Sessions should also include time for a facilitated dialogue with participants.

Allotted time: 90 minutes

**Proposal elements:**

Abstract (150-200 words per panelist)

- Relationship to the theme
- Presenter information/list
- Moderator

**Posters:** this session requires researchers to display their research on a large board. Presenters will attend the poster session, which will be featured in an exhibition hall, to discuss the project with conference attendees.

**Proposals elements:**

- Abstract describing purpose of the research (150-200 words)
- Relationship to the theme
- Presenter information

**Proposal Deadline**

- March 6, 2020, 11:59 pm EST.

**Proposal Criteria and Process**

- Importance of the topic, issue, or problem to the field of higher education and HBCUs;
- Quality of the theoretical or conceptual framework
- Theme and strand alignment

- Clarity of objectives and intended outcomes of the research.
- Originality
- Clarity of focus
- Theoretical and methodological rigor of the research papers included in the session;
- The overall clarity of the proposal (e.g., quality of writing, organization of ideas, clarity of assumptions, logic of arguments, etc.)

### **Proposal Acceptance**

- Scholars will be notified on April 10, 2020

### **Presenters Responsibilities**

- All proposals for the symposium should be submitted to [career.pathways@uncf.org](mailto:career.pathways@uncf.org). Presentation proposal format descriptions are available above as well as on UNCF FDPRI's website.

### **Full Presentation/Paper Deadline**

- June 5, 2020

### **More Information**

- Proposal format instructions available here should be followed. Please direct questions to UNCF FDPRI Research team at ([career.pathways@uncf.org](mailto:career.pathways@uncf.org)).