

## Regional Call for Abstracts – Cardwell Collaborative

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January 30, 2017

The Medical Center of the Americas Foundation (MCA) cordially invites students, researchers, professors, inventors, expats and others from the Paso del Norte region (El Paso, Texas; Southern New Mexico; Northern Chihuahua) to submit abstracts to be considered for poster display in the MCA's Cardwell Collaborative (CC) building. The CC is the region's first private biomedical incubator, housing office space, wet-labs, dry-labs, collaboration and conference spaces, as well as offices for the MCA and TTUHSC El Paso. Selected posters will be displayed along the incubator floor hallways and on the avatar in the lobby to encourage inter-regional, inter-institutional and public-to-private familiarization with life sciences research efforts and researchers. The goal of these "posters sessions" is to provide opportunities for meaningful networking that may lead to research and commercialization collaborations.

The MCA will call for abstracts two times per year, resulting in two launch events followed by the posters remaining on display for 2-three month-long "poster sessions."

The timelines are as follows:

**\*\*Please read information and requirements below for more details on submissions\*\***

### Winter/Spring 2017 Poster Session

- January 30, 2017 – call for abstracts issued
- February 24, 2017, 3:00 pm MT – abstracts due to [Priscila@MCAmericas.org](mailto:Priscila@MCAmericas.org)
- March 3 – accepted abstracts announced
- March 10-March 20 – posters submitted to MCA
- March 23 from 1-6 pm – Spring poster launch event as the Tuesday Tech Talk (T<sup>3</sup>@C<sup>2</sup>) (tentative)
- March 23 to June 16 – poster session
- June 19 to 30 – posters available for pick-up

### Fall 2017 Poster Session

- September 11 – call for abstracts issued
- September 25, 2017, 3:00 pm MT – abstracts due to [Priscila@MCAmericas.org](mailto:Priscila@MCAmericas.org)
- September 29 – accepted abstracts announced
- October 9-16 – posters submitted to MCA
- October 17 from 1-6 pm – Fall poster launch event as the Tuesday Tech Talk (T<sup>3</sup>@C<sup>2</sup>)
- October 17 – January 29 – poster session
- February 5-9 – posters available for pick-up

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Abstracts are being sought for new, ongoing and updated research with innovative commercial and/or collaborative potential in the areas of:

- Diabetes
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Devices
- Neurodegenerative Diseases
- Obesity
- Cancer / Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Innovations for low resource settings
- Border health
- Other areas of significant biomedical research may also be considered
- Special consideration will be made for posters that exhibit skill sets that would be of interest to tenants of the Cardwell Collaborative Incubator

### Abstract & Poster Information and Requirements:

- Submit questions and abstracts to [Priscila@MCAmericas.org](mailto:Priscila@MCAmericas.org)
- **250-word limit** per abstract.
- Abstracts and posters can be in either English or Spanish.
- Physical posters should be no larger than **30x60** inches. Electronic posters will also be accepted for display in the CC lobby avatar (PowerPoint file is preferred).
  - **Please indicate** upon submitting your abstract which you intend to display or if you intend to display both physical and electronic posters.
- Posters should include at least the following:
  - Introduction
  - Objectives
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions
  - Bibliography
- Poster set up times will be provided to accepted abstracts in the acceptance notices provided
- Authors are expected to be available to discuss their posters at the launch events listed above.
- **Nine (9) authors** will be chosen to present during oral presentation portion of the launch events listed above.
- MCA will promote the event to the regional scientific, academic and entrepreneurial community.

A committee of scientists, investors, doctors, and business people will review abstracts to select posters.

*Thank you in advance for your collaboration and interest in growing the Paso del Norte region's biomedical industry!!*