



February 5, 2026

To our Public Health Community and Partners,

[Public Health Research Day](#) is an annual conference hosted by the Brown University School of Public Health that highlights the research accomplishments of our students, trainees and partners. This is a signature event celebrated each year during National Public Health Week. In 2026 NPHW is April 6-12.

**This year's Public Health Research Day will be held on April 7, 2026.** This in-person event will be at Alumnae Hall, 194 Meeting St, Providence, RI 02906. The conference will open to the community at 1:00 pm, and posters will be on display until 3:30 pm. We invite our Brown University and School of Public Health community members to attend and discuss the research posters with the presenters. Refreshments will be served throughout.

**Our *Call for Abstracts* will be open from February 20th through March 2nd, 2026 (11:59pm).** The application link will be [active on our website](#) on the 20th. Scientific research abstracts are welcome from our public health undergraduate and master's thesis students, and our doctoral and postdoctoral trainees. We also invite a select number of posters from our community research and state agency partners, such as our RIDOH colleagues publicizing surveillance datasets and analyses. Community partner posters [can be submitted here](#). At this time, we do not have space to include SPH staff submissions. Staff are welcome to participate in other events, such as the [CAAS Staff Research Day](#) event on February 27, 2026.

## Save these Dates!

- **Abstracts will be accepted from February 20th until March 2nd, 2026.**
  - Student applicants will receive one round of feedback from a faculty reviewer by March 20th.
  - Reviewer feedback is helpful, but is limited to a few suggestions, such as asking for additional specificity in your methods or clarity in your results.
  - We suggest you start your poster well ahead of these deadlines to allow time for your thesis advisors/PIs to approve the poster. Reviewer feedback is often easy to incorporate into a near-final poster.
- **Posters will be due on March 24th, 2026.**
  - All SPH applicants are asked to use [the 2026 PHRD poster template](#). Applicants will submit their poster as a .pdf. Due to space concerns, all presenters must use this template.
  - All State agency and community research partners are asked to [visit this page for instructions](#).
  - Printing and poster setup are provided by the Office of Education; instructions on how to submit a poster will be sent when you submit your abstract.

- **Applicants will present their posters in person on April 7, 2026, from 1:00 - 3:30 pm.**
  - At least one faculty judge will visit you during this time, so please make every effort to attend the entire event. Remote presentation options are not an option at this venue.
  - Prizes will be awarded in April in the following categories: 1) Undergraduate, 2) Master's, and 3) Doctoral/Postdoctoral trainees.

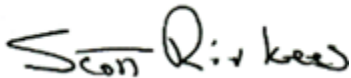
## Instructions for your Research Abstract and Poster

### Instructions for submitting your abstract application form:

1. You will be asked to include the following details in your application:
  - a. *Your name, degree program, or department*
  - b. *Study title*
  - c. *Overview/Research Question (separate response in application)*
  - d. *IRB approval information for human subjects research*
2. Please include the following headings in the body of your abstract:
  - a. *Background & Aims*
  - b. *Methods*
  - c. *Results*
  - d. *Conclusions*
3. The abstract should be 400 words or less (excluding title, authors, etc);

We look forward to seeing you all at this year's event.

Sincerely,



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