Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) announces its 2015 Student Research Paper Contest. PCD is looking for high school, undergraduate and graduate students as well as medical residency and post-doctoral fellows to submit papers relevant to the prevention, screening, surveillance, and/or population-based intervention of chronic diseases, including but not limited to arthritis, asthma, cancer, depression, diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease. A peer-reviewed electronic journal, PCD was established to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners in chronic disease prevention and health promotion. The journal is published weekly by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Submission Requirements:

PCD uses PCD Manuscript Central for manuscript submission and tracking. Before you submit your manuscript, read the instructions below in addition to the information provided on manuscript requirements.

Eligibility:

- Participants must be a current student or have completed one of the following programs within the last 12 months: high school, undergraduate, graduate, medical residency or post-doctoral fellowship conducted under the supervision of a principle investigator.
- Participants must prepare a cover letter, indicating where they are enrolled and the name of their major advisor.
- Participants should address all required disclosures in the cover letter. Visit How to Submit a Manuscript to learn more about cover letter requirements.
- Participants must provide a letter from their advisor confirming their enrollment and that the research was conducted while in training.
- Participants should submit the cover letter and advisor letter when they submit the manuscript.
- Manuscripts must report on research done while in one of the qualifying student/training statuses listed above AND the research must also have been completed within the last 12 months.
- Manuscripts should not be published previously or submitted elsewhere for publication.
- Papers must represent original research submitted in Original Research format. Other article types will not be considered. For a detailed explanation, see types of articles.

Deadline:

- Papers must be received electronically no later than 5:00 PM EST on January 22, 2015.
- Detailed submission guidelines can be found on PCD’s website at http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/announcements.htm.

Award:

- The winning manuscript will be recognized on the PCD website and will be published in a 2015 PCD release.