

APHA is a large organization, with a total membership of over 25,000. The 146th Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Public Health Association (APHA) will be held from November 10 - 14, 2018 in San Diego, California. The theme for this year's conference, with an anticipated attendance of over 12,000 in total, is "Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now."

The APHA Environment Section serves as a multi-disciplinary home for those concerned about sustaining healthy environments through research, advocacy and public awareness. Environmental health addresses all the physical, chemical and biological factors external to a person and all of the related factors impacting behaviors. It is targeted toward preventing disease and creating health-supportive environments.

Environment Section's goal for the 2018 APHA Annual Meeting is to foster interest in environmental health, increase student involvement, and to provide educational offerings on a wide range of environmental health topics, especially related to environmental justice.

The Environment Section's agenda for the Annual Meeting will benefit participants greatly. In particular, students – the future of the public health workforce - will have the ability to connect with potential mentors and researchers and will learn about community-based environmental justice initiatives. To Environment Section is pleased to offer travel scholarships between \$500-\$1000 each for students to defray cost of travel to the annual meeting.

Please note that funds of ~\$8000 will be distributed at the meeting

Instructions: Please answer all of the questions below. For questions 5-10 please keep your responses to < 100 words per question. For Question 10, if there is nothing to add, please write N/A. Submit your responses to the questions below with a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) to Jyotsna Jagai (jiagai2@uic.edu) by October 10, 2018, 5pm est. Due to the time sensitive nature of the process, late applications will not be accepted.

- 1. Name
- 2. Age/year of school
- 3. School/Organization/Affiliation
- 4. How did you hear about this opportunity?
- 5. Why are you interested in environmental health?
- 6. Have you led or participated in activities outside of school to advance environmental health?
- 7. Without this award, what challenges do you face in attending the conference?
- 8. How do you think the Environment Section of APHA will help your career/goals?
- 9. What do you hope to take back from the meeting?
- 10. Any final thoughts or experiences you would like to share with us?