

## 2014 *PCD* STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER CONTEST CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

*Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD)* announces its 2014 Student Research Paper Contest. *PCD* is looking for graduate and undergraduate students 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](#).

- Participants must be undergraduate or graduate students.
- 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.
- Participants should submit the cover letter and advisor letter when they submit the manuscript.
- Manuscripts should not be published previously or submitted elsewhere for publication.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 23, 2014**.

### Award:

- The winning manuscript will be recognized on the *PCD* website and will be published in a 2014 *PCD* release.

### Insight:

"I submitted my graduate work to *Preventing Chronic Disease*, not only because of its reputation as a top public health journal, but also because of its mission to promote exchange of information between researchers and practitioners. I feel this journal provides the best opportunity to disseminate our findings to people who could do something with it. The peer review process was an extremely valuable experience. The editor and reviewer comments were very collegial and helpful in strengthening the submission. I recommend students submit their work and advisors strongly encourage their students enter the contest. I really appreciate *Preventing Chronic Disease's* recognition of student research and look forward to reading more student-led papers."

***Mehul Patel, PhD, 2013 contest winner***