

Memo

TO: School of Medicine Faculty, Staff, Postdoctoral Fellows, Residents and Students

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RE: **Medical Student Research Day 2013, September 17, 2013**

The Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Society and the Office of Student Research (OSR) in the Dean's Office cordially invites all SOM faculty, staff, residents and students to attend the **36th annual Medical Student Research Day (MSRD)**. The event will be held on **Tuesday, September 17, 2013** in Bressler Research Building (BRB) and the Medical School Teaching Facility (MSTF). MSRD is a proud tradition for University of Maryland's medical students to present their research accomplishments to the school and the campus. Research will be presented in oral and poster formats. Competitive prizes will be awarded to recognize research and presentations that are judged as outstanding.

If you have mentored medical students on research projects in the past two years, we invite you to encourage them to participate in MSRD. All medical students currently attending University of Maryland School of Medicine are eligible to participate in this event. To be eligible for presentation and competition, the research must have occurred within two years from the date of MSRD regardless of the site on which the research was performed. Dissertation research will not be accepted for presentation in MSRD. Clinical case presentations are eligible. Guidelines and procedures for MSRD, including instructions for online abstract submission are currently available on the [MSRD website](#). The **deadline for abstract submission is Friday, September 6, 2013, 5 pm**.

Faculty attendees if you have mentored or are mentoring a medical student(s), you are also invited to consider participating as a judge for any of the presentation sessions. **AOA members are also invited to serve as judges**. We appreciate and extend our thanks to those of you who have attended and judged this special event in the past and we look forward to your attendance and support again this year. **Please indicate your willingness and availability to judge either oral or poster sessions or both through the online [Judges Availability Form](#) by Monday, September 9**. Details regarding the evaluation processes and criteria will be provided to those volunteering as research judges.

You are welcome to invite your fellow faculty colleagues and your staff and trainees to attend MSRD. The event begins at noon and presentation sessions will end near 6:00 pm. This will be followed by the awards banquet and keynote address. Adjournment will be at or by 8:00 pm. Please RSVP through the online [RSVP Form](#) **by September 11 if you plan to attend**. We look forward to seeing you there.

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