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The Helping to End Addiction Long-term Initiative®, or NIH HEAL Initiative®, will convene the 5th Annual HEAL Investigator Meeting on February 7-8, 2024. The meeting will have a hybrid format with in-person and virtual opportunities to participate. The in-person portion of the meeting will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

The HEAL Investigator Meeting will bring together HEAL-funded researchers, patient and community partners, federal officials, and other stakeholders.

The meeting will allow attendees to:

- Share research advances and cutting-edge science.
- Discover opportunities, challenges, and approaches to build on HEAL progress.
- Connect and explore collaboration with other HEAL-funded researchers and stakeholders to enhance HEAL-funded research.

HEAL is committed to supporting early career researchers, trainees, and patient and community partners' participation in the annual meeting. There is a limited amount of funds to offset travel expenses to attend the meeting in-person. If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a [nomination](#) by **Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

Date

- In-person registration opens for members of HEAL-funded research teams, including principal and co-investigators, early career researchers, trainees, and patient and community partners.
- Virtual registration opens for all attendee types.

December 6:

- In-person registration opens for NIH staff leading HEAL research programs.
- Virtual registration remains open for all attendee types.

January 10 (space-permitting):

- In-person registration opens for any NIH staff affiliated with HEAL.
- Virtual registration remains open for all attendee types.

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Please email HEALInvestigatorMeeting@iqsolutions.com with any questions.

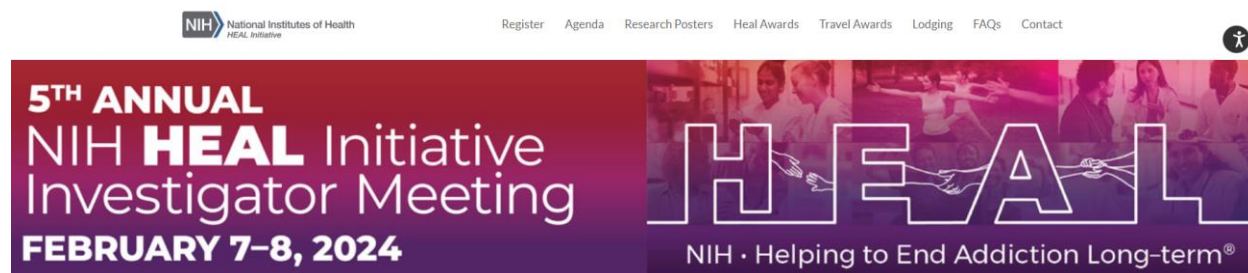
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Agenda

Coming Soon

Submit an abstract to present during a scientific symposium by **Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

Those selected to present will be notified in November 2023 via email.

Submit an abstract to present during a poster session by **Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

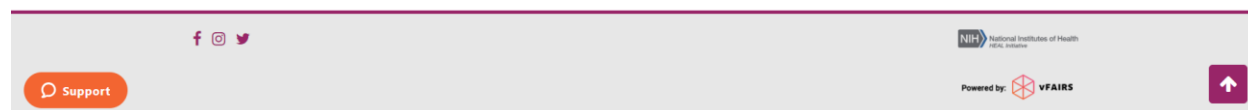
Find more details on the [Research Posters page](#).

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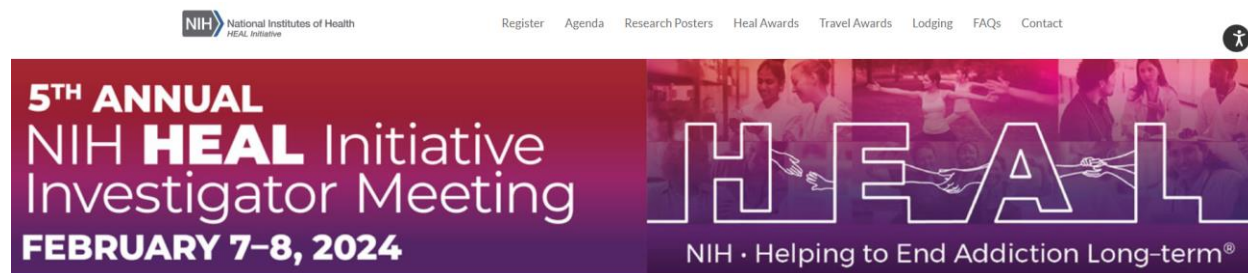
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Research Posters

All researchers working on a HEAL-funded project are encouraged to present a research poster during a poster session.

Joint poster presentations with patient and community partners are highly encouraged. Some travel funds are available for patient and community partners that would like to accompany investigators to the in-person meeting. If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a nomination by **Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

In-person poster session:

Attendees interested in presenting a poster at the in-person poster session will need to submit a poster abstract (max 500 words) by **Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.** You will bring the poster with you on the day of the meeting.

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Attendees interested in presenting a poster at the in-person poster session will need to submit a poster abstract (max 500 words) by **Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. You will bring the poster with you on the day of the meeting.



In-person posters should be 8ft (width) x 4ft (height). They will be pinned to boards like this:

There is no specific format required of your poster, but please follow these guidelines:

Accessibility (Section 508)

- Use font colors that contrast with the background. A color contrast calculator can be found at <https://bit.ly/3LLu5PU.M>
- When using a legend for a chart or graph, do not use color alone to signify elements. Use different textures so people who are colorblind can follow the legend.

Closer to the meeting, you will also receive a link to upload a PDF of your poster. See below for virtual poster accessibility guidelines.

Virtual poster session:

Attendees interested in presenting a poster at the virtual poster session will need to submit a poster abstract (max 500 words) by **Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. In December, you will receive a link to upload a PDF of your poster. You can also upload supplemental materials, including a short video presentation.

There is no specific format required of your poster, but please follow these guidelines:

Accessibility (Section 508)

- Use font colors that contrast with the background. A color contrast calculator can be found at <https://bit.ly/3LLu5PU>.
- Format any URLs included in your poster to open in a new window.
- When using a legend for a chart or graph, do not use color alone to signify elements. Use different textures, so people who are colorblind can follow the legend.
- Include captions for images and graphics.
- Ensure embedded images are high resolution.
- Include Alternative Text (Alt Text) for any images you insert to provide text explanations for users who are unable to see them.
- Instructions on how to add Alt Text to images and objects can be found at <https://bit.ly/3lbc9Mo>.

Technical Specifications

- Create your poster using your preferred software but save it as a PDF for upload.
- PDFs cannot exceed 30MB in size.
- Format your poster in landscape orientation.
- Name your files using the following naming convention:
 - LastName_FirstName_2024
- If you choose to submit a video to accompany your poster, you can upload your video directly in our submission form or provide a link to a YouTube or Vimeo video. Uploaded videos are limited to 250MB in size.

Please email HEALInvestigatorMeeting@iqsolutions.com with any questions.



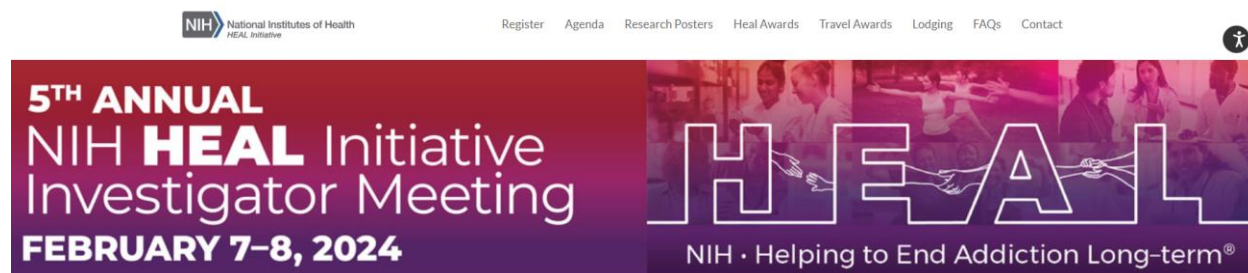
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HEAL AWARDS PAGE



NIH HEAL Initiative Awards

Nominations for the 2024 NIH HEAL Initiative® Awards are now open!

HEAL is presenting awards to researchers for excellence in **Research, Mentorship, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, and Community Partnership**. Researchers in the early to middle stages of their careers are also eligible for the **Trailblazer** award.

Researchers across all areas of research and career stages are encouraged to nominate their colleagues. Self-nominations are also welcomed. The same researcher may be nominated for multiple awards.

You can find award descriptions and detailed eligibility and selection criteria in the nomination form.

[Submit a nomination for an NIH HEAL Initiative Award.](#)

Deadline to submit nominations: Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Awardees will be recognized at the 5th Annual NIH HEAL Initiative Investigator Meeting. Awardees will receive a travel award to attend the meeting in person. Trailblazer awardees will be invited to present their work in a plenary session. HEAL will also select Trailblazer award honorable mentions, who will receive a travel award to attend the meeting in person and present their work in a poster session.

To apply: Complete the nomination form(s) by **Sunday October 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. The nomination form requires a statement to the selection committee of why the nominee should receive the award (not to exceed 500 words). Nominees for the Trailblazer award must also submit an abstract (not to exceed 400 words) detailing what they would present at the meeting. HEAL encourages you to nominate your colleagues. Self-nominations are also welcomed.

Awardees will be notified in December 2023 via email.

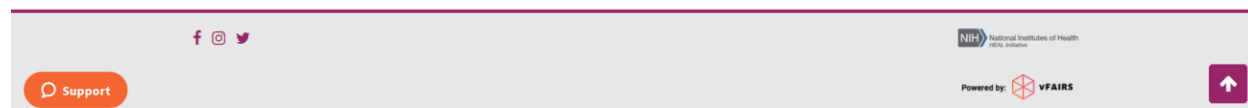
[Read about the 2023 awardees.](#)

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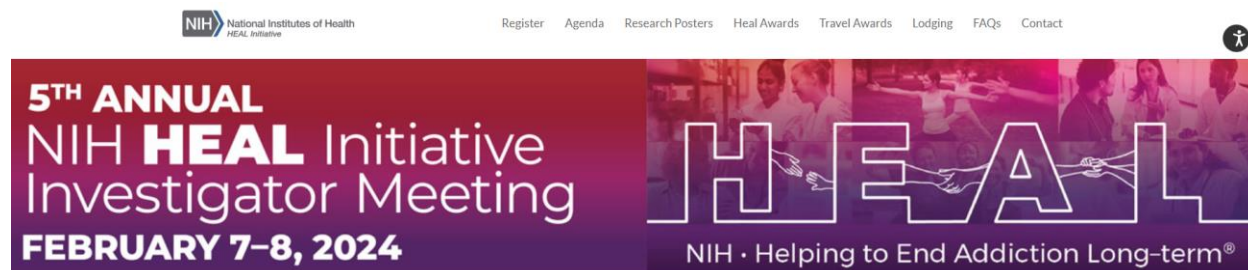
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Travel Award

Eligible Groups:

- Early Career Researchers
- Trainees
- Patient and Community Partners

There is a limited amount of funds to offset travel expenses to the meeting for **early career investigators, trainees, and patient and community partners**. HEAL investigators and others who work with HEAL are encouraged to nominate individuals they feel would benefit from attending the meeting in person. Self-nominations are also accepted for early career investigators and trainees.

[Submit a nomination for a travel award.](#)

Deadline to submit nominations: Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET

Early career investigators and trainees:

Strengthening system capacity by investing in training the next generation of scientists to do this work is essential for reaching the goals of HEAL. Nominees should provide exemplary value to the HEAL project on which they work and exhibit a commitment to solving the pain and/or addiction crises.

Note: If you have submitted a nomination for an early career investigator for the HEAL Trailblazer award, please do not submit another nomination for an early career investigator travel award.

Patient and community partners:

Research supported by HEAL must reflect the full range of populations affected by pain and addiction and offer tools and outcomes meaningful to diverse groups. Inclusion of patients (people with lived experience who are participating in HEAL studies as advisors) and community partners in the annual investigator meeting is important to build connections with the research community. HEAL strongly encourages investigators to present jointly with a patient or community partner during the poster session, as applicable.

To apply: Complete the nomination form(s) by **Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. The nomination form requires a brief statement to the selection committee on why the nominee should receive the travel award (not to exceed 200 words). Please include details about the nominee's role on the HEAL-funded project.

Researchers: If you are selected to receive a travel award, you will be expected to present a research poster during a poster session.

Travel awardees will be notified in early November 2023 via email.

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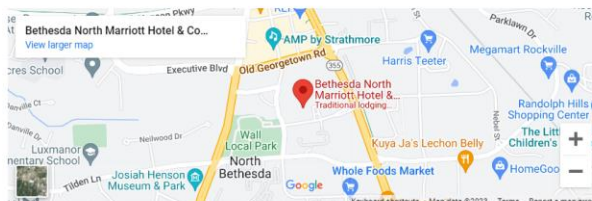
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road
Rockville, Maryland 20852
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Hotels

All participants are responsible for all travel and lodging arrangements.

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5701 Marinelli Road
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Government Per Diem Rate: \$188 per night (*plus 13% tax*)
Group Code: HEAL 2023

Reservations should be made by using the link below.

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Lodging "Cutoff" Date: Monday, January 30, 2023, before 6 p.m. ET. All rooms must be reserved on or before this date. All unreserved rooms will be released on Monday, January 30, 2023.

IMPORTANT: All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit to guarantee the reservation. Participants are responsible for lodging costs and are to be settled directly with the hotel. Please ensure credit card authorizations or official company checks are coordinated and delivered at or before arrival at the hotel.

Check-in time is 4 p.m.
Check-out time is 12 noon



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Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to attend the meeting?

There is no cost to attend the meeting.

What is the contact information for the hotel?

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852
(301) 822-9200

What are the check-in and check-out times at the hotel?

Guest room check-in begins at 4 p.m. and check-out is at 12 noon. Early arrival and late check-out times can be arranged upon request and based on availability. If you check out before the start of the last day of the meeting, the concierge/bellhop desk can store your luggage while you attend the meeting.

When does the meeting start and end?

The 5th Annual NIH HEAL Initiative Investigator Meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. on February 07, 2024, and ends at 4:30 p.m. on February 08, 2024.

Do I make my own hotel arrangements?

Yes. You may make your hotel reservation by contacting the hotel on the [Lodging and Travel](#) page of the registration site. Please remember to make your reservations as early as possible.

What telephone number can I leave with a family member who may need to contact me?

Anyone who needs to reach you can call the hotel's front desk. Calls will be routed to your guest room.

Whom should I contact if I have meeting questions?

Email your questions to HEALinvestigatormeeing@iqsolutions.com.

What should I wear to the meeting?

Business attire is encouraged for the meeting. The temperature can be difficult to regulate in meeting rooms, so consider bringing a sweater or light jacket.

What will the weather be like while I am in Bethesda in February?

The average temperature in Bethesda in February ranges from a daytime high of 47 degrees (Fahrenheit) to an overnight low of 26 degrees (Fahrenheit).

What is the closest airport?

The closest airport to the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center is the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), 401 Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Access Rd, Arlington, VA 22202. The airport is located 18.2 miles from the hotel. The hotel does not provide shuttle service.

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