The Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS) released its call for abstracts yesterday and will accept submissions through March 6, 2017. The Department of Defense (DOD) hosts MHSRS annually to discuss "military-unique research and development," focusing on military medicine. Those who submit abstracts will be notified of results by May 8, 2017.

The Symposium is usually held in August in Florida. Registration will open in June or July; while specific the dates and location have yet to be announced, the 2017 portal is now live.

This year, MHSRS will feature 60 abstract-driven breakout sessions, including breakout sessions on infectious disease, traumatic brain injury, psychological health, military global health engagement, and injury prevention, as well as precision medicine and women's health. In addition to DOD officials, the officials from the Department of Health and Human Services are often present. The Symposium offers an opportunity for academia to engage with program managers and DOD officials, who are often hard to reach, on military biomedical and health-related research topics. Details on the submission process, topic areas and descriptions, and information on the 2016 MHSRS are available here: