The Journal of Humanities in Rehabilitation

A creative exploration of the human experience of disability and healing

Graduate Student Ambassador Program

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Graduate Student Ambassador for *The Journal of Humanities in Rehabilitation!* The Ambassador Program was created to give graduate students from all disciplines and all Universities the opportunity to explore the uniquely human experience that occurs among patients, providers, caregivers, and family members during periods of illness and disability. We believe advancing this conversation is critical to better understanding the humanistic relationship within the area of rehabilitation sciences (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, Nursing, etc.). We would love to have you join us in this rare exploration and look forward to your application!

Please visit <u>ihrehab.org</u> to learn more about the mission of the JHR and explore some of our publications.

What you will LEARN from being a Graduate Student Ambassador for the JHR:

- The opportunity to gain marketable experience in the operations of a peer-reviewed, open-access academic journal: Ambassadors get the unique opportunity to experience a behind-the-scenes look at the review and publishing process by being involved in some of our on-going academic initiatives, like the JHR-CHEP Student Essay Contest.
- Advance skills in program planning and implementation: Ambassadors are required to host at least two events over the course of their tenure, allowing the opportunity to explore interests within the area of the humanities and rehabilitation while being a vital component to the mission and vision of the JHR.
- **Cross-Discipline Collaboration:** One of the goals of the Graduate Student Ambassador program is to improve collaboration between disciplines. As a JHR Graduate Student Ambassador, you will serve an instrumental role in achieving this goal while building relationships among faculty, staff, and other students.

What is EXPECTED of a JHR Graduate Student Ambassador?

- Be both a representative of your respective University and The Journal of Humanities in Rehabilitation
- Be committed to serving in the role of JHR Graduate Student Ambassador for 12 months
- Provide an informational session on the JHR at your University (include your current class and faculty)
- Host at least two programmatic events over the course of your tenure. Examples include:
 - A movie screening of a film that may be a compliment to your coursework, for example *100 Meters* (a film about a man diagnosed with multiple sclerosis who responds by training for an Ironman)
 - Visit a museum and explore themes such as disability, aging, pain, or loss in the art and artists' lives
 - o Host a bi-monthly book club or poetry reading (e.g. Diving Bell and the Butterfly or Being Mortal)
- Disseminate information about the JHR's "Call for Papers", contests (JHR-CHEP Student Essay Contest), and other opportunities to faculty and students at your University
- Have a check-in phone call each semester with a JHR Graduate Editorial Associate

The role of Graduate Student Ambassador is ideal for someone who is **1**) invested in advancing the mission of the *JHR*, **2**) is self-directed, creative and passionate about the intersection between the humanities and rehabilitation sciences, and can **3**) cultivate discussions and host events around humanities and rehabilitation at their University and/or their communities

How to Apply: For graduate students interested in applying to be an Ambassador at their University please fill out the form below and email to Dr. Sarah Blanton at <u>jhrsubmissions@listserv.cc.emory.edu</u>

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Full Name of Applicant:

Email Address:

University:

Please Indicate which graduate program you are in and what degree you will graduate with (e.g. Physical Therapy, DPT):

Please indicate your year in school

- o First
- o Second
- 0 Third
- o Fourth
- Other:

How did you find out about the Graduate Student Ambassador Program?

In less than 150 words, please describe why you would like to be a Graduate Student Ambassador for the JHR?

If selected as a Graduate Student Ambassador for the JHR, do you agree to the responsibilities associated with the position (listed above) and commit to being an exemplar representative of your respective University and the JHR?

o Yes

Are there any other things that may be helpful to know about you and why you would be a good candidate for this position?