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Call for Concept Papers on Food Security in Haiti

Along with Sigma Xi, PHS Group Inc, a management and technology firm that provides comprehensive interdisciplinary scientific & engineering services, is co-sponsoring a competition for **student concept papers** that present creative ideas that address the critical issue of food security in Haiti. The top three individuals or teams that submit the winning paper will receive awards of \$600, \$300 and \$150 respectively. The individual author or team of the most compelling concept paper will also be invited to be part of the PHS team that helps implement the pilot program for food security in Haiti.



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About Concept Papers

A concept paper is a brief, focussed overview of a project that you would like to research or develop. It has just enough detail to show the potential of the idea but does not go into depth. It is the sole basis on which the judges decide whether it is worth pursuing.

Specifications

- ◆ Limit submissions to 1,500 words (excluding tables, figures and literature cited)
- ◆ Include a title, authors' names and institutional affiliations, and corresponding author email address. Authors need not be Sigma Xi members.
- ◆ Prepare your paper as a Microsoft Word file (or Open Office equivalent) to facilitate editing.
- ◆ Make the paper accessible to non-scientists (No jargon! Or, if you use technical vocabulary, please do so sparingly and define it for a lay audience)
- ◆ Feel free to include tables and figures, including photos. These must be sufficiently high resolution to view on screen and to print.
- ◆ Typically, a concept paper will include the following elements:
 - A clear description of the topic, including a summary of what is already known about the topic.
 - A one sentence statement of the questions that the project will seek to answer.
 - A demonstration of why it is important to pursue this project.
 - A suggested study to test the answer.

Submission

Submit your concept paper as an attachment to foodsecurity@sigmaxi.org

Deadline

Concept papers must be submitted **October 15, 2010** at the latest.

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