



## **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

### **8<sup>th</sup> PFMR Biomedical Research Symposium**

**April 6, 2019**  
**Said Khoury Building, Birzeit University**

The Palestinian Forum for Medical Research (PFMR), in conjunction with the Faculty of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Professions at Birzeit University, is organizing “The Eighth Annual Biomedical Research Symposium.” This year, the PFMR will host renowned international scientists from the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center (<https://www.cityofhope.org>), in California, who will be coming to recruit students who desire to pursue their graduate degrees in the USA. The ultimate goal of the symposium is to present research conducted by Palestinian students and researchers and bring together young and hopeful scientific minds.

We cordially invite you to present your work either by giving a presentation or presenting a poster. For those who wish to participate, please submit your abstract by January 20, 2019. Researchers will be informed of the acceptance of their abstracts no later than March 1, 2019. Students have the option to submit abstracts for consideration for oral or poster presentation. Abstracts from all areas of biomedical research are accepted, with a strong emphasis on cancer biology.

The purpose of the abstract is to enable the Scientific Committee to make an informed decision on the suitability of the proposed presentation for the symposium program and provide participants with a summary of the work presented.

**Please send your abstract as an attached Microsoft Word document using the correct format (see below) to the following e-mail: [pfmr.pfmr@gmail.com](mailto:pfmr.pfmr@gmail.com). Abstracts not conforming to the specified form will be discarded.**

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- Authors must submit a regular abstract (not structured), using the template below.
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