

# Apply to PRIM&R's Conference Blog Squad.

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a PRIM&R Blog Squad member for the **2016 AER Conference!** If selected, you will receive complimentary registration to the PRIM&R AER Conference and one pre-conference program, and a place in history as a member of PRIM&R's Blog Squad.

PRIM&R Blog Squad members will have access to sessions and networking events of their choosing\*. They will also be welcome to attend all regular conference meals. However, costs related to travel and accommodations are the sole responsibility of Blog Squad members and/or their organizations. In order to apply, you must be a current PRIM&R member, whose membership will be active for at least two months beyond the conference end date. Once you complete this application, please submit it to Kelly Whelan, marketing coordinator, via email at [kwhelan@primr.org](mailto:kwhelan@primr.org).

*\*Please note that topic assignments may be subject to change based on event coverage.*

## Overview

We seek motivated, professional PRIM&R members who demonstrate/possess:

- An interest and talent in writing about ethical issues in research
- Strong writing skills
- Familiarity with the internet, blogging, and/or *Ampersand*
- Ability to meet deadlines;
- Availability to attend the selected conference
- A knack for creativity

In exchange for a registration waiver to the conference of your choice, you agree to do the following:

- Write at least one (1) blog posts in the two months leading up to the conference, one (1) blog posts during the conference, and three (3) to four (4) blog posts post-conference
- Work with PRIM&R staff to revise, edit, and finalize your posts as needed
- Wear PRIM&R Blog Squad ribbons throughout the duration of the conference

Please note that applicants do not need to select blog post topics as part of this application. PRIM&R staff will assist bloggers in developing ideas and content for their posts. It is preferable for bloggers to have access to personal computers onsite, but we will do our best to accommodate those who cannot bring a laptop.

## Application

Name, Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Selected Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

### Please attach to this application:

1. A statement of purpose (500 words maximum)—Let us know why you would be a great addition to the PRIM&R Blog Squad.
2. An introductory blog, introducing yourself to the readers of *Ampersand*, letting them know why you're attending the conference, and what you are looking forward to. If selected as a member of the Blog Squad, this blog post will be published on *Ampersand*.
3. A short biography (250 words maximum).
4. A photo of yourself, which will represent you to conference attendees and *Ampersand* readers; this photo will be featured in the AER16 Conference guide and will accompany your post on *Ampersand*.

## Policies

**PRIM&R Blog Squad Policy:** By signing this form, you certify that you are a PRIM&R member; are available to attend the conference for which you are applying; and that the information provided with this application is accurate. You further agree that, if accepted to the PRIM&R Blog Squad, you are responsible for your own expenses related to travel and accommodations, and for meeting the responsibilities of the PRIM&R Blog Squad members. Blogs will be subject to PRIM&R staff edits to ensure consistency with PRIM&R's mission and style, and posting will be subject to PRIM&R's discretion. Posts written as a member of the PRIM&R Blog Squad may be shared on other forums, but should credit PRIM&R's blog, *Ampersand*, as the original source and include a link to the original post.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_