

Stronger Together: Fortitude in the Face of Change

HBCU Coalition Health Summit 2026

Call for Proposals

March 26th-27th, 2026

A solid red horizontal bar spanning the width of the page at the bottom.



Purpose

The summit will bring together student health leaders, faculty, clinicians, researchers, and partners dedicated to improving health outcomes and strengthening campus wellness ecosystems. Through collaboration and knowledge-sharing, we aim to highlight best practices, emerging research, and sustainable strategies that empower HBCUs to thrive amid change.

Session Types

Plenary Sessions

Plenary sessions are designed to inspire and inform all attendees through high-level discussions and thought leadership. Proposals should address broad, forward-thinking topics such as:

- Health equity and social justice in higher education
- Innovations in student health delivery models
- The intersection of mental health, belonging, and academic success
- The role of HBCUs in public health leadership and advocacy
- Insuring access amidst constant change
- Innovative funding models for health care and outreach

Format: 45–60 minutes, including Q&A.

Audience: All summit participants.

Breakout Learning Sessions

Breakout sessions provide interactive, skills-based, or evidence-informed presentations tailored to specific audiences. Proposals should focus on practical applications, lessons learned, or replicable models. Suggested topic areas include:

- Campus Health Operations: Staffing, sustainability, and financial resilience
- Student Wellness: Addressing mental health, substance use, food insecurity, and reproductive health
- Health Education & Outreach: Peer engagement, innovative programming, and digital strategies
- Research & Data: HBCU-specific health trends, outcomes, and evidence-based interventions
- Leadership & Change Management: Building capacity, resilience, and institutional alignment amid shifting priorities

Format: 60 minutes (including discussion or activity).

Preferred Presentation Styles: Panel discussions, case studies, workshops, or interactive presentations.

Proposal Requirements

- 01 Session Title
 - 02 Presenter(s) Name, Title, and Institution
 - 03 Session Type (Plenary or Breakout)
 - 04 Abstract (250–300 words) – Describe the focus, relevance to the theme, and intended outcomes
 - 05 Learning Objectives (3–5 measurable goals)
 - 06 Target Audience (students, clinicians, administrators, researchers, etc.)
 - 07 AV/Technology Needs
-

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed

- Relevance to the summit theme and HBCU health priorities
 - Clarity of objectives and outcomes
 - Evidence of innovation, collaboration, or practical application
 - Potential impact on student health and wellness initiatives
-

Submission Details

Deadline for Submissions: January 16th, 2026

Notification of Acceptance: February 2nd, 2026

Summit Dates: March 26th-27th, 2026

Submission Portal: [Submission Link](#)

For questions, please contact:

Dr. Ebony Copeland

ebony.copeland@howard.edu



Join Us!

As HBCUs continue to navigate change with strength and unity, this summit offers an opportunity to celebrate our fortitude and to share solutions that ensure the health and vitality of our students, campuses, and communities. Together, we are truly **stronger**.