

Jackson Heart Study (JHS) Working Groups (WGs) were established to facilitate developing of manuscripts, mentoring of early career investigators and trainees in writing projects, and promoting research collaborations. The JHS WG Co-Chairs are subject-matter experts in their respective scientific disciplines; have knowledge and experience in working with JHS data; and are experienced in mentoring early career investigators and trainees in the development of abstracts, manuscript proposals and manuscripts likely to receive a favorable decision by the JHS Publications and Presentations Subcommittee (PPS). Accordingly, the JHS strongly recommends that trainees/investigators with limited experience in working with the JHS data and who are planning to submit a manuscript proposal solicit feedback and, if appropriate, collaboration from relevant JHS WG Co-Chairs at the early stages of preparing a manuscript proposal.

For trainees and investigators with limited experience in working with the JHS data, potential benefits of working with JHS WGs include:

1. Ensuring the development of strong proposals, i.e., proposals with well-thought out and specific hypotheses and that use rigorous study design and analyses, and which are feasible within the JHS.
2. Increasing the probability of approval on a proposal's submission for PPS review and of accelerating the process to completion of a manuscript (and approval of that manuscript by PPS).
3. Increasing the likelihood of submission of a manuscript for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
4. A learning experience in writing manuscripts based on epidemiologic data that display the value of rigor, reproducibility and responsibility in epidemiologic research.

Examples of manuscript proposals on which the JHS WGs have provided expert guidance can be accessed at the following link:

https://ummc.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/UMMC%20Jackson%20Heart%20Study/EiypOlyB2FNNjv5ZiRKWP48Bp36MI1dTak_JKQWPTysJeQ

If you are interested in receiving guidance and/or representation from JHS WG(s) relevant to your proposal's hypotheses and independent and/or dependent variables, please contact the Co-Chair(s) of the relevant [JHS WG\(s\)](#). If a JHS WG Co-Chair is unable to provide input/mentoring on this project, please ask her/him to recommend another member of the WG(s) who might be able to serve on your writing team. When uploading your proposal to the [JHS website](#), please include documentation from relevant JHS WG Co-Chair(s) (e.g., approval email/letter) regarding their willingness to provide input and/or have JHS WG representation on your proposal.

Otherwise, please provide your reason(s) for not pursuing guidance from JHS WG(s) for your proposal:

1. The existing research team already has all the necessary subject matter expertise for this proposal
2. The existing research team has all the necessary methodologic expertise for this proposal
3. The existing research team has previously conducted analyses of the independent and dependent variables for this proposal using JHS data (e.g., exploratory data analyses using the TRANS data package) and therefore has the necessary JHS data expertise for this proposal
4. Other (specify)