



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2020

To: Membership

From: Susanne Ahmari, M.D., Ph.D., Chair, and Guillermo Horga, M.D., Ph.D., Co-Chair, Program Committee

Re: Call for Proposals, Annual Meeting, December 6-9, 2020, Phoenix, Arizona

The Program Committee is now requesting proposals for panels, mini-panels, and study groups for the Annual Meeting. This year, the committee will continue to strongly encourage the creation of diverse panels that include women, under-represented minorities (including LGBTQ+), and early career scientists and clinicians. In addition, given our College's Latin American initiative, similar consideration will be given to panels including scientists from Latin America.

As always, the committee welcomes submissions on all scientific topics that address the mission of the College, and particularly encourages the submission of new and unpublished work to ensure that the annual meeting remains on the cutting-edge of psychiatric neuroscience. In addition, we would like to highlight the topics listed below by encouraging the submission of panels and mini-panels in these areas:

1. Improving diversity in the field of psychiatric neuroscience
2. How to build a better model: novel approaches to using experimental animal systems to dissect constructs relevant to psychiatric disorders, including translation of GWAS studies
3. Mapping the brain: what have we learned from large-scale collaborative efforts in humans and model systems?
4. BRAIN Initiative 2020: progress and promise
5. Using interventional approaches (TMS, DBS) to translate preclinical circuit findings into clinical practice
6. Data-driven and theory-driven computational approaches for disorder stratification and dissection of complex phenotypes

[Click here](#) to see a list of primary and secondary submission categories.

The submission guidelines are available below. Please read these ***very carefully*** before submitting a proposal. As a reminder, panels will include one (1) chair who will present a very brief, 1-2 minute introduction to outline the goal of the session and moderate a broad 8-minute Q&A discussion at the end of the session and four (4) presenters who will have 35 minutes each, including a 25-minute presentation and a 10-minute discussion period. **THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSANT.** A co-chair is still optional. Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

- [Panel Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Mini-Panel Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Study Group Submission Guidelines](#)

All submissions must be submitted through the online submission system, [click here](#) to log into the submission site.

Reminders/Takeaways from Submission Guidelines:

- Only ACNP members may serve as the chair of a panel, mini-panel or study group session.
- All participants in a session must commit to attending the meeting and to be available for all meeting days for the purpose of scheduling accepted panels, mini-panels, and study groups.
- ***Very important:*** No person can serve more than 2 roles on **submitted** panels/mini-panels with a maximum of 1 speaking role. Role limits do not include study groups.
- Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

Deadlines*:

**All Deadlines 5:00 p.m. CDT*

Submission of Overall Proposals by chairs (Panels, Mini-Panels, & Study Groups)

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 12th**

Submission of Individual Presenter Abstracts (Panel & Mini-Panel)

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 26th**

Submission of Disclosures by Study Group Participants:

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 26th**

Chairs Review & Finalize Proposed Sessions (Panels, Mini-Panels and Study Groups)

DEADLINE: **Friday, May 29th**

For more information, please contact ACNP at acnp@acnp.org or (615) 324-2360.

Thank you and we look forward to a great program this year!