



MEMORANDUM

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To: Membership

From: David Lewis, M.D., President, Leanne Williams, Ph.D., Program Chair and Ted Satterthwaite, M.D., Associate Program Chair

Re: SOBP Annual Meeting Call for Proposals, April 29 – May 1, 2021, San Diego, CA

The SOBP is committed to holding our annual scientific meeting on April 29 through May 1, 2021. Future events will determine the specific format (e.g., hybrid, synchronous virtual, etc.) of the meeting; we will sponsor a full slate of scientific presentations with ample opportunity for live scientific interactions. Please plan on participating!

2021 Annual Meeting Theme: *Variability and Scale in Psychiatric Neuroscience: How You Seek Determines What You Find*

The SOBP Program Committee is now requesting proposals for symposia for the 2021 Annual Meeting. While scientific quality is paramount, this year the committee will also prioritize symposia proposals that are composed of diverse participants and that address diversity in scientific topics as indicated in the following diversity statements:

Diversity in Participants

Symposium participants should include scientists and/or clinicians who are women, underrepresented minorities, and/or individuals with disabilities. In addition, symposia should attempt to include individuals who are at an early career stage.

Diversity in Scientific Topics

The SOBP strongly supports diversity in the scientific topics of symposia and seeks symposia that address important understudied factors (e.g., sex- and gender-based analyses, vulnerabilities and treatment gaps for minority populations, etc.) in psychiatric neuroscience.

Also, the committee is encouraging the submission of symposia on timely topics. The 2021 SOBP Annual meeting will provide an interactive platform for learning and discovery. The meeting program will focus on alternative and transformative frameworks for understanding psychiatric illnesses, and present enhanced and newly emerging tools for measurement and manipulation. Within these frameworks and with these tools, techniques and experimental designs are illustrated that can enhance understanding of psychiatric illness and elucidate the biological pathways and markers of illness processes.

[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, symposia will include 1 chair who will present a 10-minute introduction to outline the goal of the session and 4 presenters who will have 25 minutes each, including a 20-minute presentation and a 5-minute discussion period. A co-chair is optional. Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

- [Symposium Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Oral/Poster Submission Guidelines](#)

All submissions must be submitted through the online submission system. Please [click here](#) to access the submission system.

Reminders/Takeaways from Submission Guidelines:

- All participants in a session must commit to attending the meeting and to be available for all meeting days.
- *Very important:* No person can serve in more than 2 symposia sessions, regardless of their role in the session. Note that submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

DEADLINES*	
<i>*Note the submission deadlines are 2 weeks earlier than typical. ALL DEADLINES 5:00 P.M. CENTRAL</i>	
Panel	Oral/Poster
Chairs to Begin Proposal & Add Presenters DEADLINE: Friday, September 25th	DEADLINE: Monday, December 1st
Submission of Individual Presenter Abstracts DEADLINE: Thursday, October 1st	
Chairs Review, Provide Overall Abstract & Finalize Proposed Sessions DEADLINE: Friday, October 2nd	

For more information, please contact SOBP at sobp@sobp.org or (615) 432-0096.

Thank you and we look forward to a great program for the 2021 meeting!