



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2018

To: Membership

From: Linda Brady, Ph.D., Chair and Susan Amara, Ph.D., Co-Chair, Program Committee

Re: Call for Proposals, Annual Meeting, December 9-13, 2018, Hollywood, Florida

The Program Committee is now requesting proposals for panels, mini-panels, and study groups for the Annual Meeting. While scientific quality is paramount, this year the committee will continue to strongly consider the composition of the panels that include women, under-represented minorities 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.

The committee welcomes submissions on all scientific topics that address the mission of the College. The committee would like to highlight a few areas and encourage the submission of panels and mini-panels on the topics listed below:

- New tools and technologies for basic investigation and human neurobiology from the U.S. and global BRAIN Initiatives.
- Use of human iPS cells to study disease mechanisms and for screening. New differentiation methods to produce specific types of neurons and glia. Characterization and use of human brain spheroids and organoids.
- The role of astrocytes and microglia in psychiatric disease.
- Computational approaches (theory- and data-driven) to improve the mechanistic understanding and treatment of mental health diseases and psychopathology. Studies applying sophisticated modeling approaches and analytics to large-N datasets to understand neuro-behavioral mechanisms in healthy subjects, sub-threshold psychopathology, and heterogeneous patient populations.
- Translational research that connects brain-based methods with digital technologies that reflect how individuals with disorders of the nervous system function in daily life.
- What have we learned from the successes and failures of treatment approaches (pharmacologic, behavioral, neuromodulatory)? What do these approaches tell us about the underlying biology of disease? How ready is neuroscience to be translated into clinical practice?
- Neurodevelopmental mechanisms and neuropsychiatric disease.
- Novel approaches to address the opioid epidemic.

[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 1 chair who will present a 10-minute introduction to outline the goal of the session and 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 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.
- ***Very important:*** No person can serve more than 2 roles on **submitted** panels/mini-panels with a maximum of 1 speaking role.
- Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed. Role limits do not include study groups.

Deadlines:

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

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 8th**

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

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 22nd**

Submission of Disclosures by Study Group Participants:

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 22nd**

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

DEADLINE: **Friday, May 25th**

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!