



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 21, 2025

To: Membership

From: Staci Bilbo, Ph.D., Chair, and Tallie Z. Baram, M.D., Ph.D., Co-Chair, Program Committee

Re: Call for Proposals, Annual Meeting, January 12-15, 2026, Nassau, Bahamas

The Program Committee is excited to open submissions for panels, mini panels, and study groups for the Annual Meeting. **Continuing in 2026, duration of panels and study groups will be 2 hours, and mini panels will last 50 minutes.** This year, the committee will continue to strongly encourage the creation of diverse and inclusive panels that include a broad range of participants (e.g., geographical location, career level, and background including early career scientists and clinicians). These factors will weigh into the proposal's evaluation by the Program Committee.

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on all scientific topics that address the mission of the College, and particularly encourages the submission of new and unpublished work to ensure that the annual meeting remains on the cutting-edge of psychiatric neuroscience and clinical outcomes.

The College strives for a broad range of topics in the annual meeting. Therefore, submissions representing a wide range of topics from basic to translational to clinical sciences are all welcome. The Committee welcomes submissions representing high-quality science in line with the core mission of ACNP, "To advance scientific understanding of, and to facilitate communication about, disorders of the brain and behavior in order to advance their prevention and treatment."

The submission guidelines are available below. Please read these very carefully before submitting a proposal. As a reminder, panels (2 hours) include one (1) chair who will present a very brief, 5-minute introduction to outline the goal of the session and moderate a broad 15-minute Q&A discussion at the end of the session, and four (4) presenters who will have 25 minutes each, including a 20-minute presentation and a 5-minute discussion period. **THERE ARE NO DISCUSSANTS.** A co-chair is optional. Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed. Note that for Study Groups a maximum of 8 participants is allowed, including chair, co-chair, and/or moderator.

- [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.
- All scientific session presenters are expected to attend and participate in-person. The January 2026 Annual Meeting will not be livestreamed. It will be recorded for access post-meeting.
- ***Very important:*** No person can serve more than 2 roles on **submitted** panels/mini panel/study groups with a maximum of 1 speaking role (panel/mini panel presenter or study group participant). **These role limits do include study groups.**
- Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

Deadlines*:

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

Creation of Proposal and Presenters Added by Chairs (Panels, Mini Panels, & Study Groups)

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, May 27th**

Submission of Individual Presenter Abstracts (Panel & Mini Panel)

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, June 10th**

Submission of Disclosures and Attestations by Study Group Participants:

DEADLINE: **Tuesday, June 10th**

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

DEADLINE: **Thursday, June 12th**

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!