



**January 2026 ACNP Poster Guidelines**  
**DEADLINE: August 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM Central**

**Poster Presentation Considerations**

**Points to consider in preparing your presentation, where appropriate:**

To address scientific rigor, each data presentation should report N, and ideally an effect size and power calculation. Appropriate statistical analysis tests and p values should be reported.

Preliminary or hypothesis-generating studies are of interest and would be expected to have a smaller 'N', but should be explicitly labeled as such.

Well powered negative studies are of interest.

The scientific premise of a study must be credible. If the premise of a study is genetic, the evidence must be based on rigorously demonstrated significant findings, such as the Psychiatric Genomics Consortium meta-analyses or meta-analyzed trio studies. Candidate gene studies are not of interest.

Sex as a biological variable should be considered for both animal and human studies.

**Poster Submission Guidelines**

The abstract should contain the essential background, the new scientific information to be presented, and the possible significance of the results. The ACNP uses a structured abstract with 4 parts: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. Only abstracts submitted in this structure will be reviewed.

There is a limit of **4700** characters for the abstract and an additional **200** characters for the title. The limits do not include spaces.

Poster abstracts must be submitted by the author (or co-author) or the author's assistant. Submissions by any third party are prohibited.

The College requires investigators to affirm that all experimental protocols in animal studies were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and were conducted in accordance with the National Institutes of Health *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, or by the applicable requirements of the investigator's institution.

The College requires all clinical trials in Phase 2 and beyond to be registered in a public registry prior to submission. For more information, please reference the [official statement](#).

All materials submitted for presentation at the January 2026 ACNP Annual Meeting will be published in *NPP* and should be original and not previously published. Following publication authors may reuse their work with the sole

requirements of full citation and link to the original publication online. If the abstract is accepted for presentation but has been previously published, it will not be published in ACNP's journal *Neuropsychopharmacology*.

**All poster presenters MUST complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form. The disclosure policy FOR POSTERS ONLY, states authors need only disclose conflicts that are relevant to the poster. Poster presenters who do not complete the disclosure form will not be allowed to present a poster at the ACNP Annual Meeting. Industry authors must list their employer as a conflict.**

Non-members must be invited to the annual meeting by an ACNP member and will be allowed to present a poster if they choose to do so. The guest invitation will constitute sponsorship by the inviting member. No other rules for poster sponsorship will be required.

Presenting authors must be registered for the Annual Meeting and meet eligibility criteria (listed below) for a poster to be reviewed. The poster abstract and the completed meeting registration [along with the corresponding meeting registration fee] **must** be received by the Executive Office no later than **Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Poster Reviews**

The Program Committee will review Poster abstracts on the following criteria:

- Abstracts should contain original data (**Abstracts lacking original data will not be accepted**).
- Posters should not be of a commercial or promotional nature.

### **Poster Eligibility - Groups Entitled to Present Posters\***

- ACNP Fellows, Members, Associate Members, and Emeritus
- 2025 ACNP Travel Awardees
- Past Travel Awardees (2020-2024; ACNP and ADAA)
- 2025 Non-ACNP Travel Awardees (ADAA and CDI)
- Invited Guests (including Trainees)
- Corporate Representative\*

*\*Corporate Representatives may present one poster. The designated poster allotment for Corporate Representatives is based on the annual participation fee paid. The attendee MUST be registered for the meeting prior to making a poster request. Please contact your Corporate Representative if you have questions about designated poster allotment for your organization.*

### **Poster Limits**

**ACNP Fellows & Members** may present two posters OR present one poster and invite a guest (who may present a poster).

**Associate Members** may present up to two posters.

**2025 ACNP Travel Awardees** may present one poster. The poster should list "2025 Travel Awardee" in the upper left-hand corner of the poster board.

**Past Travel Awardees (2020-2024; including ADAA)** may present one poster. The poster should list the appropriate designation "ACNP Past Travel Awardee" or "ADAA Past Travel Awardee" in the upper left-hand corner of the poster board.

**2025 Non-ACNP Travel Awardees (ADAA & CDI Trainees)** may present one poster. The poster should list the appropriate designation "2025 ADAA Travel Awardee" or "2025 CDI Trainee" in the upper left-hand corner of the poster board.

**Invited Guests & Trainees** may present one poster. The poster should list the name of the ACNP member who extended their guest invitation in the upper left-hand corner of the poster board.

## **HOT TOPICS**

The ACNP will have a "HOT TOPICS" session to include clinical, basic and translational topics. Please classify your abstract accordingly--unclassified abstracts will not be considered.

If you are interested in being considered for a Hot Topic presentation, please mark the appropriate box when completing your abstract submission. There will also be an area to include a short explanation of why your abstract is a notable "Hot Topic."

Each oral Hot Topic presentation will last about 10 minutes plus a 5-minute period for questions and open discussion. If accepted, it is required that PowerPoint presentations are sent to the Executive Office in early November in order for the audio/visual to run smoothly.

All poster guidelines are applicable to Hot Topic presentations.

Hot Topics presentations are highly competitive. In past years, approximately 5% of submitted abstracts have been accepted for Hot Topic presentations. If selected, you will present during the Hot Topics session and your scheduled poster session.

## **DATA BLITZ SESSIONS**

The ACNP Program Committee will also select Data Blitz speakers from poster abstract submissions. The session is open to poster presenters who have completed their last degree or residency within the past 8 years. Speakers will be identified via self-nomination through the poster submission process and selected by the Program Committee. All speakers will be given a 5-minute time limit to share their data with the use of up to 5 slides and a 5- minute Q & A session following.

All poster guidelines are applicable to Data Blitz presentations.

## **Poster Sessions**

There are three scheduled Poster Sessions for in-person presenters. When submitting a poster, the author agrees to present the poster during the assigned poster session. Poster presenters attending in-person will present in one of the onsite poster sessions, requiring the presenter to print and hang the poster. ALL poster presenters, virtual and in-person, will upload a digital image of the poster and a short audio recording of the presentation. Virtual presenters will upload the e-Poster and audio recording only; there will be no live presentation for virtual presenters. *In late October, after verification that the presenting author is registered, a decision letter which includes the day assigned for those accepted will be sent via email.*