



**2021 International Summit on Suicide Research**  
Symposia Submission FAQs

**Q:** Is there a required format for my symposia abstract?

**A:** Symposia abstracts should be in paragraph form with text only. Graphs, charts, and pictures are not accepted. The character limit is 3,200 characters or less not including spaces. It is important that all abstracts and presentations include **appropriate terminology**. (See below chart)

Language Do's and Don'ts	
Avoid	Say
“Committed Suicide”	“Died by suicide” “Ended his/her life” “Killed himself/herself” “Took his/her own life”
“Failed” or “successful” attempt	“Suicide attempt” or “death by suicide”

**Q:** What is the character count for my symposia abstract?

**A:** Symposia abstracts should be 3,200 characters or less not including spaces.

**Q:** I am a chair. What will I have to submit?

**A:** Symposia chairs will need to submit the following:

- The overall session title
- Primary category for submission (selected from a dropdown menu)
- Overall session abstract
- One learning objectives for the session
- Two multiple choice questions derived from the content of the session to be used on a learner post-test for accreditation.
- Session participants (name and email). Each session should have a chair and 4 speakers (the chair can also be a speaker).
- Financial Disclosures from the last 12 months

**Q:** I am a symposia participant. What will I have to submit?

**A:** Symposia participants will need to submit the following:

- Individual talk title
- Individual abstract (in paragraph form, no specific format)
- Co-authors (if applicable). We collect co-author names and affiliations. Please do not include mailing addresses, departments, or locations in the affiliation.
- Financial Disclosures from the last 12 months

**Q:** When is the deadline to submit a symposia proposal?

**A:** The deadline to submit a symposia proposal is Thursday, March 22, 2021.

**Q:** When will I find out if my symposia was accepted?

**A:** Symposia notifications should be sent by the first week of May 2021.

**Q:** Do I have to register before I can submit?

**A:** No, but if your symposia is accepted for presentation, you will have to register by July 29, 2021.

**Q:** What day will my presentation be scheduled on?

**A:** The program will not be finalized until mid-June for symposia. In order to create a balanced program, we are not able to accommodate scheduling requests. We ask that all presenters make their travel plans to be available for the entire conference, Sunday-Wednesday.