



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 2023

To: Membership

From: Victoria Arango, Ph.D., President, and Gerard Sanacora, M.D., Ph.D., Program Chair

Re: SOBP Annual Meeting Call for Proposals, May 9-11, 2024, in Austin, TX

The SOBP is committed to holding our annual scientific meeting on May 9 through May 11, 2024. 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!

2024 Annual Meeting Theme: *Is the Translational Medicine Approach Living up to its Promise in Psychiatry?*

The SOBP Program Committee is now requesting proposals for symposia for the 2024 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 diverse in sex and gender, individuals from underrepresented backgrounds or underrepresented groups in science, technology, etc. 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 2023 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, secondary and research type 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 registering for 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.

<u>DEADLINES*</u>	
<i>*ALL DEADLINES 5:00 P.M. CENTRAL</i>	
Panel	Oral/Poster
Chairs to Begin Proposal & Add Presenters DEADLINE: Friday, September 22nd	DEADLINE: Friday, November 30th
Submission of Individual Presenter Abstracts DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 27th	
Chairs Review, Provide Overall Abstract & Finalize Proposed Sessions DEADLINE: Thursday, September 28th	

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

Thank you and we look forward to a great program during the 2024 meeting in Austin!