



## **2025 ISBD Call for Proposals ISBD 2025 Annual Conference**

The Program Committee is now requesting proposals for parallel symposia, interactive workshops, posters, and new & trending oral presentations for the 2025 Annual Conference of the International Society for Bipolar Disorders (ISBD).

We would like to highlight that, in addition to our focus on bipolar disorder, we are also accepting proposals that feature mood disorders more broadly, including major depressive disorder and other disorders that commonly co-occur with bipolar disorder.

The quality of the submitted proposal will be the primary factor considered in the scientific review process; however, the ISBD continues to strive to present a plurality of perspectives, and we strongly encourage proposals from women, early career professionals, and participants from diverse geographic regions. We also urge all colleagues to consider inclusion of these groups, as well as those with lived experience of bipolar disorder, as chairs and presenters when assembling submissions as this will enhance the desirability of proposals for the 2025 program.

Likewise, innovation is highly valued in the program and symposia fostering transdisciplinary and novel approaches, especially from outside the traditional mold, will be favored. Similarly, presenters from outside the core discipline are encouraged.

ISBD is keen to receive submissions that represent collaborations between ISBD Chapters, Task Forces, or members of the Early Mid-Career Committee (EMCC). ISBD has over 26 chapters from all over the globe. Proposals that include individuals from multiple ISBD chapters/geographic areas are best positioned to represent our broad constituency.

Topic areas include:

- Basic research:
  - Biomarkers
  - Brain Structure and Function
  - Genetics
  - Omics
  - Physiological, Molecular, Cellular Markers and Models
  - Animal Models
  
- Applied research and/or clinical practice:
  - Assessment
  - Diagnosis and Classification

- Medical Comorbidity
  - Psychiatric Comorbidity
  - Disability / Rehabilitation
  - Cognition
  - Innovative Therapeutics
  - Integrative and Holistic Treatments (i.e., pharmacological, somatic, psychological)
  - Developmental Psychopathology, Prodromes, Early Recognition
  - Illness Course, Staging
  - Psychosocial Treatments and Self-Management
  - Quality of Life
  - Stigma
  - Suicide and Self-Harm
  - Trauma
  - Updates on Treatment Guidelines
- Population Health/Analysis
    - Big Data and Machine Learning
    - Implementation Research
    - Population Health
    - Epidemiology
    - Economics
- Special groups
    - Advocacy and Patient Organizations
    - Children and Adolescents
    - Cultural Differences and Its Consequences
    - Racial & Ethnic Considerations
    - Sex & Gender Related Issues
    - Older Adults (the elderly)
- Hot Topics

The conference also welcomes submissions outside of the specific topics above, so long as they are relevant to bipolar and depressive disorders.

**Symposia, Workshop, and Poster/New & Trending Oral Proposal Submission Guidelines and Instructions:**

The submission guidelines are available below. Please read these carefully before submitting a proposal. A Symposium is a 1 hour and 30-minute session and must include three (3) speakers and 1 chair/moderator who can also double as a speaker. As a reminder, symposia must be structured to incorporate discussion, with a short introduction given by the Chair of three minutes, followed by 3 presentations of 20 minutes for the actual presentation and allow 5-minutes for Q&A. At the end of the session there should be 5 minutes for concluding remarks from the Chair. Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed.

New and Trending Oral presentations will be brief, 10-minute presentations that address recent developments in the field, followed immediately by a 5-minute discussion. There will be up to 6 presentations per 1-hour and 30-minute session.

Interactive Workshops provide the opportunity for more intensive interactive learning opportunities. Interactive Workshops will run during the meeting for a 2-hour session

- [Symposium Submission Guidelines](#)
- [Interactive Workshop Guidelines](#)
- [Poster/New & Trending Oral Submission Guidelines](#)

All submissions must be submitted through the online submission system. Please [click here](#) to access the submission system. Please note, if you are a current ISBD member, you already have an account in the system and can [reset your password](#).

**Deadlines:**

Session Chair Reviews & Finalizes Proposed Sessions for Symposia & Interactive Workshops

**DEADLINE: Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Abstracts for New & Trending Oral Presentations and Posters

**DEADLINE: Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

For more information, please contact the office of the conference organizers at

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