ARO 2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS
OPEN – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

The ARO Program Committee welcomes the submission of Symposia, Young Investigator Symposia and Workshop proposals for the 2022 MidWinter Meeting. The submission deadline is Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Late submissions will not be considered.

SYMPOSIA SUBMISSION
Symposia are organized as a series of oral presentations on a theme. Preference will be given to proposals that (i) strive for timely syntheses across or within existing disciplines; (ii) explore novel approaches that will expand research in new directions; (iii) include speakers who are first-time ARO speakers, women, and/or speakers from underrepresented groups. Speakers from outside the usual ARO circle are encouraged insofar as they contribute a novel perspective. Proposals that bridge clinical and basic research are encouraged. Proposals on topics covered by other recent ARO Symposia or Workshops are discouraged (see recent ARO Program books, https://aro.org/meetings/past-midwinter-meetings/).

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR SYMPOSIA SUBMISSION
Young Investigator Symposia should be organized by a young investigator and the majority of participants should also be young investigators. A young investigator is someone who is within 10 years since receiving a PhD or MD. Symposia are organized as a series of oral presentations on a theme. Preference will be given to proposals that (i) strive for timely syntheses across or within existing disciplines; (ii) explore novel approaches that will expand research in new directions; (iii) include speakers who are first-time ARO speakers, women, and/or speakers from underrepresented groups. Speakers from outside the usual ARO circle are encouraged insofar as they contribute a novel perspective. Proposals that bridge clinical and basic research are encouraged. Proposals on topics covered by other recent ARO Symposia or Workshops are discouraged (see recent ARO Program books https://aro.org/meetings/past-midwinter-meetings/).

For both symposia types, please note the following information regarding time allocations:

- All Symposia have a maximum duration of 2 hours. Individual presentations may be either 15 or 30 minutes. Combinations of 15/30 minute presentations are welcome.
- A minimum of 4 and up to a maximum of 8 presenters may be named.
- Symposia must include at least one 30-minute presentation.
- Allocation of presentation times is at the discretion of the organizers. Chairs will be asked to allocate speaking times if the symposium is selected for presentation.
Available Financial Support:

- A maximum of $3,000.00 USD is provided to the Chair of each Symposium to distribute to non-members only in their session to help offset travel expenses (there is a maximum of $1,500.00 USD per individual speaker), in addition to waived registration, in the form of reimbursement after the meeting based on receipts submitted.
- Non-member speakers who have had prior membership or registration activity in ARO since 2018 are not eligible (within 5 years of speaking engagement).
- Non-members may receive funding from only one session per meeting.
- If your symposium is accepted, the chair will receive instructions regarding the allocation of travel funds to eligible non-member speakers.
- If you or your speakers are unsure about eligibility for financial support, contact headquarters@aro.org to verify past participation.

Please Note: As Chair, you are responsible for communicating this policy to any speakers you invite. Please see the Non-Member Reimbursement Policy for more information.

All proposals must be submitted through the online submission system. Please click here to access the submission system. Proposals can be edited until the submission deadline of June 1, 2021. Notifications of accepted proposals will be emailed no later than mid-June. Organizers must provide the following critical pieces of information:

Chair must submit:

- The overall submission title
- Select a category that is applicable to your submission
- Overall session description at a maximum of 300 words
- A brief statement of diversity of presenters across gender, ability and ethnicity.

Each presenter must submit:

- Individual abstract title
- Abstract at a maximum of 100 words
- Co-Authors

**WORKSHOP SUBMISSIONS**

Workshops are instructional in nature. They may include hands-on work or may simply be an overview of techniques or approaches. Workshops are typically 1 hour in length. Proposals on topics covered by other recent ARO Symposia or Workshops are discouraged (see recent ARO Program books, https://aro.org/meetings/past-midwinter-meetings/).

- Workshops must be on topics of interest to a focused subgroup of ARO members. For example, they can focus on a particular technical innovation or on an important goal undertaken by an ARO committee.
- A minimum of 4 and up a maximum of 8 presenters may be named.

Chair must submit:

- The overall submission title
- Select a category that is applicable to your submission
- Overall session description at a maximum of 300 words
- A brief statement of diversity of presenters across gender, ability and ethnicity.
Each presenter must submit:

- Individual abstract title
- Abstract at a maximum of 100 words

**Please note:** No financial support or waived registration for nonmember presenters is offered for Workshop submissions.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Executive Office at headquarters@aro.org.

**Long Links:**
Society Conference Webpage for Submissions: https://aro.societyconference.com/v2/
Presenter/Attendee Resources, FAQ’s and More: https://aro.societyconference.com/v2/
Non-Member Reimbursement Policy: http://pmg.joynadmin.org/documents/1050/607f1addef0d26760ff74b6e.pdf