



Poster Criteria and Guidelines

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DEADLINE

Extended to February 4, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

COST

\$40 Submission Fee per abstract

Abstract submission is open to RSA members and non-members alike. Abstracts for non-members, however, must be endorsed by an RSA member.

Poster Session Description

- A poster session showcases your research and allows viewers to study your information and discuss it with you one-on-one.
- A poster session will be held Sunday through Wednesday in the evening.
- Poster presenters are expected to mount their poster before the start of the poster session on their assigned board on their assigned presentation day and remove their poster at the end of the session. Posters not removed at the end of the session will be discarded.
- Successful poster presentations rely heavily on graphical presentation of key findings and large font sizes so that they can be read from a distance. Less content and greater readability is often preferable. Having handouts available of the poster's contents is encouraged. Handouts may be used to convey details not addressed in the poster.
- We encourage you to submit recent work from your laboratory or collaborative group for consideration as a poster presentation.

Data Blitz Description

Data Blitz presentations can be submitted by Students and Post Doc Trainees.

- A Data Blitz is a short oral presentation which allows for a 7-minute presentation plus 3 minutes for questions.
- If you qualify, please indicate if you would like your presentation to be considered for a Data Blitz presentation.

*Please note that spots are limited.

Government Employees

RSA understands that government employees may face administrative delays that affect submission timing. Accommodations may be made on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the RSA office before the deadline if this applies to you.

Submission Form Information

You will need to submit the following information to fill out your Submission:

1. Enter Title

Instruction: Abstract Submission: The title must be brief and clearly indicate the nature of the proposal. (max 22 words)

Category List

Select Category

Select a category that is applicable to your abstract submission. If the appropriate category is not available, please enter category below.

Secondary Category

Please select a secondary category that is most applicable to your proposed session.

Proposal Theme

Biological/Preclinical: refers to non-human based research in areas such as ontogenetic, physiological, genetic, cognitive/behavioral or neurobiological studies, as well as research in pre-clinical models of alcohol intake and alcohol-related disorders.

Psychosocial/Medical/Clinical: refers to human-based research that includes physiological or non-physiological studies of cognition, behavior or social factors, along with epidemiological and prevention research. Includes basic laboratory-based physiological research with humans (with or without medications/alcohol), clinical trials, and human neuroimaging and genetic studies.

Translational: refers to studies that are explicitly designed to cross usual disciplinary boundaries; e.g., biomarker vs. function, laboratory-based vs. clinical outcome, human vs. non-human on a specific behavioral outcome, the application of results from clinical studies to clinical practice.

- A. Biological/Preclinical
- B. Psychosocial/Medical/Clinical
- C. Translational
- D. Other

Research Method

Please select all options that best represents your research.

- A. Human
- B. Non-Human

Attestation and Affirmation

- If accepted, I understand that this submission may be scheduled for presentation on any day of the conference (Sunday, June 21 - Wednesday, June 24, 2026).
- If accepted, I understand that I am required to register for the meeting in order to present.
- If accepted, I understand that RSA does not provide financial support for presenters.
- The Principal Author affirms that this paper represents primarily unpublished findings and that the abstract communicates novel findings that pertain to alcohol research. Also, if accepted, one of the authors listed as the presenter will register for the meeting and present it as a poster presentation.
- I affirm that ALL authors listed have reviewed and given approval for the submission and publication of this abstract.
- I adhere to the RSA/ACER Statements and Guidelines re Addiction Terminology
- I agree to adhere to the RSA Code of Conduct
- I attest that all information submitted is accurate.

- A. I Agree

Member Endorsement

If you are not an RSA member, name the RSA member who has agreed to endorse this abstract. If you are a member, please list yourself.

Presenter Status

Instruction: Please select your current level of training.

- A. Student
- B. Post Doc Trainee
- C. Early Career Investigator
- D. Established Investigator

Please list the date below of the completion of your final training. (if a Post Doc Trainee)

Presentation Preference

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- A. I would like my research to be considered for a Data Blitz presentation
- B. Poster Only

Instructions for a Properly Formatted Abstract

- Abstracts should be complete abstracts including purpose, methods, data, results, conclusions.
- The maximum word limit is 360 words – word counter in the bottom-right corner.
- Abstracts will be published exactly as entered. Review your abstract and check for typographic and spelling errors and scientific sense.
- Add all co-authors now - they cannot be added at a later date.
- Abstracts should include relevant background, well-described methods, study results including a number of subjects and relevant statistics, and a clear conclusion about the novel, unpublished findings that will be presented.
 - a. state purpose of the study, if not given in the title
 - b. give a brief statement of methods used, if pertinent
 - c. summarize the results obtained
 - d. include a statement about the conclusion reached.
- It is not acceptable to write: "results will be discussed".
- Avoid citing sources in your abstract. There are two reasons for this: The abstract should focus on your original research, not on the work of others. The abstract

should be self-contained and fully understandable without reference to other sources or future studies reference(s).

- Tables, graphs and/or charts are not allowed in the abstract submission.

Learning Objective

Co-Authors

Enter all co-authors (15 people max). You may search for any co-authors by using the search box. If you cannot find a co-author in this database, you may type them into the grid below. Please use the arrows to move authorship into the correct order.

Keywords

Enter three (3) keywords.

Community engaged research

Poster abstracts that highlight community engaged processes including, but not limited to community partners as citizen scientists, novel dissemination approaches, and centering voices typically excluded in research are strongly encouraged and will be noted during the review process.

Does this abstract engage in research within the Community?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Sponsored Research

Instruction: Is this research sponsored by a for-profit corporation (or foundation of a for-profit corporation)? If yes, enter name below.

- A. Yes
- B. No

Video Permission

Instruction: The Research Society on Alcohol (“RSA”) may make a video recording of your presentation during the 2026 RSA Annual Scientific Meeting. In consideration of the decision by the RSA to include the video recording of your presentation during the 2026 RSA Annual Meeting in its historical archives, and to make copies of that video recording available for educational purposes only (including posting on the RSA website), the sufficiency and receipt of such consideration are hereby acknowledged, you agree as follows:

- 1. You grant to RSA the right to use and portray your name, likeness, voice, personality, personal identification, presentation and participation in the 2026 RSA Annual Meeting. (All*

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2. You agree to release and discharge RSA, its employees, agents, licensees, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands or causes of action that you may now have or may hereafter have for libel, defamation, invasion of privacy or right of publicity, infringement of copyright or violation of any other right arising out of or relating to any utilization of the Granted Rights or based upon any failure or omission to make use thereof.

A. I have read and agree to the above terms and conditions.