



49th Annual RSA Scientific Meeting

June 20 - 24, 2026 San Antonio, TX

CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS AND ABSTRACTS

and other Meeting related Information

The primary goal of the Annual RSA Scientific Meeting (“Meeting”) is to provide a forum for alcohol researchers – from all disciplines – to present their latest findings and to learn about new research developments in an environment that will provide interaction at both the professional and personal level.

The Meeting begins with an Opening Reception (meet and greet style) on Saturday evening and ends with the Closing Ceremony (sit-down dinner with presentations, and band/dancing) on Wednesday evening. The Sunday through Wednesday program includes Plenary lectures, Symposia, Workshops, Roundtable discussions, Enoch Gordis Award, and Doctoral Student Small Grants Oral sessions and Poster sessions.

The Program Committee is made up of RSA members who represent a wide range of scientific specialties. Their goal is to develop a well-balanced program that adequately reflects the broad range of interests of the RSA membership and non-member alcohol researchers. **It is important to note that topics covered, and the balance achieved in the overall meeting program primarily rests upon proposals submitted.**

NOTE: All oral presentations are in-person only; no virtual/digital presentation options will be offered (e.g., pre-recorded talks or live streams).

Important Dates - [Important Dates](#)

[Submissions Guide](#)

Program Proposals

Due December 12, 2025 - 5:00PM ET deadline

Program proposals are solicited within three general themes; biological/preclinical, psychosocial/medical/clinical and translational research and organized as symposia, workshops or round tables. In recent years, proposal acceptance has become highly competitive due to an increase in number of submissions and limited available slots. Organizers/Chairs are encouraged to use an integrative approach and to include participants from different institutions, providing relevance to a broad audience and diverse viewpoints. Speaker abstracts are required for Symposia and Workshops, not an option for Round Tables. Speaker abstracts should provide adequate detail, not an overview, and follow the required format. Submission is open to RSA members and non-members alike. Speaker abstracts for non-members; however, must be endorsed by an RSA member. RSA’s goal is to make presentations relevant to a rather broad audience of alcohol researchers. [CLICK HERE](#) for Guidelines.

Speaker Abstracts

Due December 11, 2025 - 5:00PM ET deadline

For individuals who have been invited to give a talk in a proposed session. An abstract for each oral presentation is required for Symposia and Workshops but is not an option for Round Tables. These abstracts become part of the overall program used for Program Committee review, as well as the final Online Program and Web App. [CLICK HERE](#) for Guidelines.

NOTE: Must be submitted by PROPOSED speaker through their RSA profile.

Pre-Conference CE Professional Workshops

Due December 12, 2025 - 5:00PM ET deadline

A professional development CE training workshop or course for building knowledge, skills and expertise on alcohol related harm, preventing, and recovering from alcohol misuse and evidence-based treatments for alcohol use disorder. Pre-conference Workshops may be proposed for a 4- or 8- hour block. [CLICK HERE](#) for Guidelines.

Satellite Meeting Proposals

Due December 12, 2025- 5:00PM ET deadline

The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Study Group and satellite meetings will be held on Saturday and end before the Opening Reception. Individuals or organizations interested in organizing a satellite meeting must submit a Satellite Meeting proposal form. Any and all costs associated with a satellite meeting are the organizer's/submitter's responsibility.

Ancillary Meeting Proposals

Due March 16, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

Individuals or organizations interested in reserving a meeting room for organizing board meetings, workshops and luncheons must submit an Ancillary Meeting proposal form. Any and all costs associated with an ancillary meeting is the organizer's/submitter's responsibility, with an exception for RSA committee events.

Exhibitor's Prospectus

Due April 9, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

If you plan to exhibit at RSA, click the link above for additional information and the submission form. For-profit Corporations (or foundations of for-profit corporations) are not permitted to sponsor any symposia, workshops or round tables or networking events - they may rent exhibit space by submitting an Exhibitor's Prospectus and are encouraged to make a donation to the Society.

Poster Abstracts

Due January 30, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

The Meeting includes four (4) Poster Sessions which provide an opportunity for researchers of all levels to present their work in an informal setting, allowing for questions and discussion. Submission shall not be intended for publication purposes only. Presenters of accepted poster abstracts are required to register for the meeting. There is a non-refundable \$40 payment required for each submitted abstract. Poster Abstract submission is open to RSA members and non-members alike. Abstracts for non-members; however, must be endorsed by an RSA member. [CLICK HERE](#) for Guidelines.

Data Blitz Abstracts

Due January 30, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

Data Blitz presentations for Students and Postdoctoral Trainees. A Data Blitz is a short oral presentation which allows for an 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. If you qualify you will have the option to request your abstract be considered within the Poster Submission Form. Data Blitz Abstract submission is open to RSA members and non-members alike. Abstracts for non-members; however, must be endorsed by an RSA member. [CLICK HERE](#) for Guidelines.

Student Merit / Junior Investigator Meeting Awards

Due January 30, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

Requires ID# from submitted Abstract of current meeting year (Speaker or Poster).

Speaker or Poster abstract (required of applicants) must be submitted by the above stated deadlines. A limited number of Student Merit / Junior Investigator Meeting Awards will be provided to individuals who are the presenting author of a poster or giving an oral presentation. Awards are funded by a National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) conference grant. The awards are intended to help defray costs associated with attendance at the Meeting. Awards cover the cost of meeting registration only **or** meeting registration and a **very minimal** travel stipend. [Submission Dashboard](#)

Enoch Gordis Research Recognition Awards

Due January 30, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

Requires ID# from submitted POSTER Abstract of current meeting year.

Students and eligible postdoctoral fellows (no more than 5 years from degree) who will present their research as a first author at the meeting are encouraged to apply. **A Poster abstract is required of all applicants, even if abstract has also been submitted for oral presentation (speaker abstract) and must be submitted by the stated deadline.** An expanded abstract is also required as part of this application (click on the link directly above), plus students are required to include a verification letter. Finalists will be required to present their research during a poster session and oral session. Separate awards (monetary and plaque) are given for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. [Submission Dashboard](#)

Nadia Chaudhri Rising Scholar Awards

Due January 30, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

Requires ID# from submitted POSTER Abstract of current meeting year.

Poster abstract (required of applicants) must be submitted by stated deadline. A travel award opportunity for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from backgrounds that are diverse, under-resourced, marginalized or traditionally under-represented in psychosocial (defined broadly, i.e., sociological and clinical research) and biomedical (defined broadly, i.e., basic and biological human research) sciences to attend the RSA Annual Scientific Conference. Applicant must be the first and presenting author on the original, submitted RSA abstract.

[Submission Dashboard](#)

Undergraduate Distinguished Travel Awards

Due January 30, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

Requires ID# from submitted POSTER Abstract of current meeting year.

Poster abstract (required of applicants) must be submitted by stated deadline. This is a travel award opportunity for under-represented minorities to attend the RSA Annual Scientific Conference and present their research during a poster session. Current Undergrads will be considered based on the quality of their poster abstract and those awarded will be paired with multiple mentors who will help them navigate the meeting. Applicants must be first author and only one application per person and per abstract may be submitted. [Submission Dashboard](#)

RSA Annual Awards

Due January 30, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

- Distinguished Researcher Award
- Dora Goldstein Distinguished in the Sciences Award
- Early Career Investigator Award
- Henri Begleiter Excellence in Research Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Marlatt Mentorship Award
- Media Award
- Seixas Award for Service

[Descriptions and Past Awardees](#)

Honor your deserving colleagues with an RSA award, being recognized by your peers is the best form of thanks! Do not let a little paperwork stop you from nominating a colleague, qualified nominations are carried over for two subsequent years. ***Nominations are open to members only.** [Submission Dashboard](#)

ACER Journal Award for Early Career Outstanding Paper

Due January 30, 2026 - 5:00PM ET deadline

[Submission Dashboard](#)

This award recognizes outstanding scientific papers by graduate and postdoctoral trainees published in *Alcohol, Clinical and Experimental Research* (ACER) between January 1 and December 31 the year prior to the award.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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