Alcohol and Cannabis Co-Use Track Oral Presentation and Guidelines

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DEADLINE
December 11, 2026 - 5:00PM ET

COST
$40 Submission Fee per abstract

RSA, in collaboration with RSMj, invites submissions for a special Alcohol and Cannabis Co-Use Track at the upcoming RSA Annual Meeting. This collaborative track will highlight research examining the co-use, co-occurrence, and interactive effects of alcohol and cannabis and bring together investigators from both research communities.

Submission Format

Submitting to the Alcohol and Cannabis Co-Use Track indicates that you would like your abstract considered as part of this special collaborative program. Final presentation format, session grouping, and scheduling will be determined by the Program Committee following peer review.

- Researchers interested in participating in the collaborative track should submit an individual scientific abstract for consideration.
- Selected individual abstracts will be grouped by the Program Committee into cohesive oral sessions based on scientific topic and overall program needs.
- Oral sessions may include traditional symposium-style sessions or shorter data blitz presentations.
- Presentations will take place in person at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis on Tuesday, June 29, 2027.

Scientific Scope

- Submissions should specifically address research involving both alcohol and cannabis. Appropriate topics may include clinical, preclinical, translational, epidemiological, behavioral, or other scientific research examining alcohol-cannabis co-use, co-exposure, or related interactions.

- General polysubstance research that does not specifically focus on alcohol and cannabis co-use should be submitted through the standard RSA submission process rather than the collaborative track.

Review and Selection

- Abstracts submitted for the collaborative track will undergo peer review by a dedicated group of reviewers with relevant alcohol and cannabis expertise.
- Following review, the highest-rated abstracts will be considered for oral presentation. Organizers will group selected abstracts into scientifically cohesive sessions while also considering range of topics, approaches, investigators, and perspectives represented across the track.
- Because oral presentation space is limited, selection for the collaborative track does not guarantee an oral presentation.

Poster Consideration

- Authors whose abstracts are not selected for an oral presentation may be offered the opportunity to present their work as a poster.
- Authors submitting a poster through the standard abstract process will also have the opportunity to identify their work as relevant to the Alcohol and Cannabis Co-Use Track. When possible, these posters will be scheduled in coordination with the collaborative track programming.

Presenter Participation

RSA's standard presenter participation policies apply. Because this is a special collaborative initiative, an exception to the standard presentation limits for individuals selected for the Alcohol and Cannabis Co-Use Track is under consideration.

STATEMENTS and GUIDELINES RE: ADDICTION TERMINOLOGY: The Research Society on Alcohol and the journal *Alcohol: Clinical and Experimental Research* recommends against the use of terminology that can stigmatize people who use alcohol, drugs, other addictive substances or who have an addictive behavior. Adherence to these guidelines will be considered when reviewing program proposal submissions. Click for more details: https://researchsocietyonalcohol.org/about/terminology-guidelines

Affirmation of Assurance

RSA does ***not*** provide funding or waived registration for either member or non-member participants in Symposia, Workshops or Round Tables. The only exception is that RSA will waive registration fees for community partners (e.g. non-scientists, policy makers) who are involved in a symposium, round table or workshop. It is the organizer's responsibility to inform all participants that, if the proposal is accepted, they are required to register for the meeting.

Industry Sponsorship - prohibited

For-profit Corporations (or foundations of for-profit corporations) are **not** permitted to sponsor any oral presentations, symposia, workshops or round tables or networking events.

Disclosure Form Requirements
All presenters are required to complete a Financial Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure form. This form will be included in the submission process.

How to Submit
Click here for the submission site.

When completing your submission:

- Select **Alcohol and Cannabis Co-Use Track Oral Presentation** as the submission category.
- Selecting the collaborative track option will route your abstract to the review group designated for this initiative.

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 Tuesday, June 29, 2027.
- 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**/cannabis** 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

Membership *
Are you a member of RSA or RSMj?

A. RSA Member
B. RSMj Member
C. Not a member of either society

Presentation Preference
Please indicate if you would like your presentation to be considered for a poster presentation, if not selected for an oral presentation.

A. Oral Presentation Only
B. I would consider presenting my research as a poster if not selected for an oral presentation

Presenter Status
Instruction: Please select your current level of training.

A. Student
B. Post Doc Trainee
C. Early Career Investigator
D. Established Investigator
E. Community Partner (non-scientist or policy maker)

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

Learning Objective

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.

Background/Purpose:
Instruction: A brief statement on the purpose of the study and the current state of research in the field.

Methods:
Instruction: The study methods, or experimental approach, clearly but briefly defined.

Results:
Instruction: A summary of the results of the study, including sufficient details, number of subjects, and relevant statistics to support those conclusions.

Conclusions:
Instruction: A statement about the significance of the work.

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.

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

Consent of Release of Rights
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