



SPR 2024 Call for Abstracts

January 15, 2024	Symposia abstract submission system opens
February 28, 2024	Deadline for symposia submissions
March 22, 2024	Poster submission system opens
April 26, 2024	Deadline for poster submissions
June 3, 2024	Late-breaking poster submission system opens
July 8, 2024	Deadline for late-breaking poster Submissions

The Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR) is pleased to announce its call for submission of abstracts to be considered for presentation at its Annual Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, on **October 23 to 26, 2024**. This year's program features keynote addresses by Sara Mednick (UC Irvine), Nicola Montano (University of Milan), and Jules Harrell (Howard University).

We encourage submission of abstracts describing new research on the interrelationships between the physiological and psychological aspects of behavior. Abstracts must be written in understandable English and will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit by peer review. Abstracts should report original data that will not be published elsewhere prior to the meeting, although presentation at a recent meeting (e.g., within a year) of another society is acceptable.

Submissions should cover primarily methods and results, although contributions with a theoretical or methodological emphasis are welcome. Studies for which results are not apparent or which do not include physiological measures are not appropriate and will not be considered for inclusion in the program.

Submissions of proposals for symposia and structured panel discussions must be received electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. (Central Daylight Time) on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**. Submissions of poster abstracts must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. (Central Daylight Time) on **Friday, April 26, 2024**.

Notification of acceptance or rejection of symposia submissions will be emailed to the designated submitting author by **April 10, 2024**. If a symposium is rejected, authors are encouraged to re-submit their individual abstracts for a poster presentation by the deadline of **April 26, 2024**. Notification of acceptance or rejection for poster submissions will be sent to the submitting authors by **June 7, 2024**.

All presenters will be expected to register (and pay) to attend the meeting. All correspondence about a given submission will be sent to the submitting author only. If accepted, your author-prepared abstract will be published in a supplement to the journal, *Psychophysiology*, as it appears on your electronic submission. The SPR Program Chairs, as Editors of the supplement, reserves the right to make editorial corrections to the submitted abstract, if necessary.

Presentation Formats

Each of the following is a presentation format at the SPR Annual Meeting:

Symposia Submissions

Symposia are designed for the presentation of several talks related to a common area of research. In addition to scientific excellence, the Program Committee will strongly consider diversity of the panels—including representation of diverse methods, laboratories, and people. We will give highest priority to proposals that reflect interdisciplinary approaches to a topic and represent contributions from multiple laboratories. Inclusion of senior members, as well as a junior member is also encouraged. In addition, the Program Committee will strongly consider appropriate representation of women and underrepresented minorities in the composition of the panels when selecting symposia. If necessary, the committee will be happy to work with the organizer to suggest additional presenters within a similar content area to ensure the diversity of the scientific program and participants.

Symposia should have a well-defined focus with all participants addressing the same problem area. If a discussant is included, they should be familiar with all of the papers and be prepared to evaluate and integrate the material presented rather than present new data. The time allotted to symposia will be 90 minutes. Symposium organizers should ensure that the number of participants allows time for the presentations, discussant's remarks, and questions from the audience.

Prepare a summary abstract of the symposium as a whole (less than 1,600 characters, including spaces). The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and DOES NOT include the title, authors, and optional funding source information. Provide a concise description of your proposed presentation in narrative form. (If the submitting author is also an author on the abstract, please be sure to include their name and contact information in the list of authors.) Prepare 3-4 (maximum of 5) separate abstracts for each paper in the symposium.

The symposium chair will be responsible for corresponding with each presenter. The SPR International Office will send all correspondence to the symposium chair only.

Evaluations of symposia by the Program Committee will be based on a summary abstract submitted by the organizer(s) and individual abstracts prepared by each participant. The maximum number of abstracts that may be submitted for a symposium is six (one overall abstract and a maximum of five supporting abstracts). Symposia including five presenters should be particularly attentive to ensuring there is still sufficient time for discussion.

Poster Submissions

The majority of submissions will be presented during Poster Sessions. Poster submissions are limited to two (2) First Author submissions per individual. Poster submissions

for which the first author is a student (a graduate student, undergraduate student, or a pre-doctoral research assistant/associate) are eligible for a Student Poster Award. Only current SPR student members are eligible for this award.

Judging for Student Poster Awards will take place at all poster sessions, and awards will be presented during the Saturday SPR Business Meeting Luncheon.

Provide a concise description of your study in narrative form. The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and DOES NOT include the title, authors, and optional funding source information. Data presented in the abstract as "work in progress" will not be considered for program inclusion.

Please note: If you are planning to be the presenting author of more than one abstract, you must be available to present each submission in a different poster session, if needed. All submissions will be considered available for presentation on any day of the meeting.

Program Committee Symposia and Special Events

Individual presenters submitting a poster abstract can opt to submit single talks or participation in special events, to highlight individual poster submissions. The Program Committee will select a subset of these submissions for inclusion (4-6 presenters for each topic) in symposia composed by the Program Committee to maximize breadth of theoretical perspectives, methods, measurement approaches, and diversity of presenters. The option for single talks is given when submitting the poster abstract. If not selected for the single talk, the submitter can always present the poster. Refer to the poster submission instructions for information about the formatting of your abstract.

Topics

Each submitting author will be asked to select among the following categories and topics in which his or her abstract submission will be reviewed.

(1) Population (select 1)

- 1.1 Human Studies: General Population - Adults
- 1.2 Human Studies: General Population - Children / Adolescents
- 1.3 Human Studies: General Population - Elderly/Geriatric
- 1.4 Human Studies: Clinical Samples- Adults
- 1.5 Human Studies: Clinical Samples- Children / Adolescents
- 1.6 Human Studies: Clinical Samples - Elderly/Geriatric
- 1.7 Animal Studies (e.g., rodent models)
- 1.8 Other

(2). Methods (select up to 3)

- 2.1 Neuroimaging (EEG, fMRI, fNIRS etc.)
- 2.2 Myography (EMG etc.)
- 2.3 Cardio (HR, HRV, LVET, PEP)
- 2.4 Respiratory
- 2.5 Hemodynamic (BP)
- 2.6 Eye Tracking (blink, movement, size)

- 2.7 Skin responses
- 2.8 Genetics
- 2.9 Immunology
- 2.10 Blood markers
- 2.11 Questionnaires/Interviews
- 2.12 Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA)
- 2.13 Behavioral Tasks (e.g. stress exposure)
- 2.14 Computerized Tasks (e.g. neuropsychology)
- 2.15 Computational / Simulation
- 2.16 Pharmacology
- 2.17 Machine Learning/ Deep Learning
- 2.18 Brain stimulation
- 2.19 Other

(3) Design (select 1)

- 3.1 Observational Study: Cross-Sectional
- 3.2 Observational Study: Longitudinal
- 3.3 Lab Based Experiment
- 3.4 Clinical Trial (RCT etc.)
- 3.5 Secondary Analysis
- 3.6 Other

(1) Topics (select up to 3)

- 4.1 Aging
- 4.2 Development
- 4.3 Sex differences
- 4.4 Gender
- 4.5 Population-specific health
- 4.6 Racism/prejudice
- 4.7 Psychopathology
- 4.8 Sleep
- 4.9 Pain
- 4.10 Stress
- 4.11 Personality
- 4.12 Sensation/perception/interoception
- 4.13 Speech/language
- 4.14 Unconscious processes
- 4.15 Biofeedback
- 4.16 Neurological disorders / Neuropathology
- 4.17 Couples/family research
- 4.18 Memory
- 4.19 Motivation
- 4.20 Attention
- 4.21 Decision making
- 4.22 Learning/conditioning
- 4.23 Emotion/affect
- 4.24 Social factors
- 4.25 Cognitive control/executive functions
- 4.26 Other

Abstract Submission Instructions

SPR uses an electronic process for the submission of abstracts. Submitting authors need Internet access and an email address.

When preparing an abstract for submission, please carefully follow the instructions below:

1. All abstracts must be prepared in plain text, in understandable English with no embedded symbols or formatting characters. Submissions may not include charts, graphs, tables, or references. Please spell out the symbols (alpha, beta, microns, picomolar, etc.) or translate them (mean, chi square, etc.) in your abstract submission.
2. Limit the abstract to 1,600 characters in length, including spaces. Abstracts longer than 1,600 characters will not be accepted. The 1,600-character limit applies to the abstract body only and DOES NOT include the title, authors, and optional funding source information.
3. If accepted, your author-prepared abstract will be published in a supplement to the journal, Psychophysiology, as it appears on your electronic submission. The SPR Program Chair, as Editor of the supplement, reserves the right to make editorial corrections to the submitted abstract, if necessary.
4. The corresponding author must register with the system before submitting an abstract. This is done to separate contact information from content. It also allows submitting of multiple abstracts without having to provide contact information for each one. You must provide a username and password when registering. This username and password will allow you to submit and edit your abstracts until the deadline of 11:59 p.m. (CDT) on February 28, 2024, for symposia, and on April 26, 2024 for posters. A confirmation email will be sent when you register and also when submitting or updating an abstract. If you do not receive a confirmation email after submitting your abstract, please contact the SPR Office at meetings@sprweb.org.
5. Carefully follow the website instructions:
 - Use capital letters for the title of the abstract.
 - List all authors first and then list the institution or affiliation.
 - Include full first and last names for each author.
 - Do not include author degrees.
 - Do not include a department or location (i.e., city, country). List the affiliation/institution in English (i.e., University of X).



If you wish a funding source for your research to appear in the abstract, please include it under the "Optional - Funding Source" box on the submission form. Please DO NOT list the funding source in the body of the abstract. If there is no funding source, please leave this box blank.

- A keyword index will be included in the journal supplement along with the published abstracts.
- Please select one to three descriptors to describe your abstract.
- Please provide a complete mailing address, including email address, with your submission. The SPR Office will communicate with the submitting author through the email address that is given at the time of registration. Should this email address change at any time before the submission deadline, you may log in to the system and update your information.
- Proofread your submission. SPR is not responsible for author errors. Please check the formal name and spelling of your university; we receive numerous submissions that include the incorrect spelling of university affiliations, especially if a university name includes any special characters.

6. Consider submitting your abstract earlier than the deadline. SPR welcomes early submissions!

7. Each corresponding author will receive an email confirmation within 24 hours of registration and abstract submission.

If you do not receive an email response within 24 hours, SPR did not receive your abstract. In this case, it is your responsibility to contact the SPR International Office by email at meetings@sprweb.org.

Questions?

Should you have questions about your submission, please contact:

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