

# ISSCR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

## Call for Abstracts

The ISSCR welcomes abstracts from scientists, physicians and researchers in all sectors, including academia, industry, government, and education. We do not accept advertisement of commercial products or services or clinical case studies.

- **Oral abstract submissions** (submit 15 December, 2020 through 24 February, 2021 [Deadline 1]) will be considered for an eight (8) minute presentation during a theme session. Oral abstract submissions from ISSCR trainee members are eligible for Travel and Merit Awards.
- **Poster abstract submissions** (submit 15 December, 2020 through 24 February 2021 [Deadline 1]) will be considered for presentation of a poster. Posters are displayed online as PDFs for the entire meeting. Poster presenters will interact with attendees online. Poster abstracts submitted by ISSCR trainee members before Deadline 1 are eligible for Travel and Merit Awards.
- **Late-breaking abstracts submissions** (submit 10 March, 2021 through 7 April, 2021) will be considered for poster presentations only, and will NOT be eligible for Travel and Merit Awards

### Deadlines & Fees

All prices in USD. Non-refundable.

All abstract submitters must pay the proper submission fee. If an abstract is accepted, the presenting author must [register for ISSCR 2021](#). The registration fee is separate from the abstract submission fee. Please reach out to [abstracts@isscr.org](mailto:abstracts@isscr.org) with questions.

#### **Deadline 1 Abstracts: \$75**

These abstracts include both oral and poster abstracts submitted between 15 December, 2020 and 24 February, 2021. These abstracts are eligible for Travel and Merit Awards.

- Submission open from 15 December, 2020 to 24 February, 2021
- Presentation notifications sent by 15 April, 2021
- Oral presenters must accept AND register for ISSCR 2021 by 21 April, 2021
- Poster presenters must accept AND register for ISSCR 2021 by 21 April, 2021
- Presenting authors must notify [abstracts@isscr.org](mailto:abstracts@isscr.org) by 21 April, 2021 if they would like to withdraw their abstracts from the program.
- Any changes to an abstract's presenting author must be accepted by 6 May, 2021. The new presenter MUST be a co-author on the submitted abstract and must be a registered attendee.
- Poster numbers sent by 8 May, 2021

#### **Late-Breaking Abstracts: \$75**

Late-Breaking Abstracts are those that are submitted between 10 March, 2021 and 7 April, 2021. They are only considered for posters and are NOT eligible for Travel or Merit Awards.

- Submission open from 10 March, 2021 to 7 April, 2021
- Presentation notifications sent by 28 April, 2021
- Late-breaking poster presenters must accept AND register for ISSCR 2021 by 6 May, 2020
- Presenting authors must notify [abstracts@isscr.org](mailto:abstracts@isscr.org) by 6 May, 2021 if they would like to withdraw their abstracts from the program.
- Any changes to an abstract's presenting author must be accepted by 6 May, 2021. The new presenter MUST be a co-author on the submitted abstract and must be a registered attendee.
- Poster numbers sent by 13 May, 2021

**Awards for Travel, Merit, & Posters: No fee**

Presenting authors that wish to be considered for a Travel, Merit or Poster award must be an ISSCR TRAINEE member by 24 February, 2021. [Click here](#) to become an ISSCR Trainee member.

**Travel Awards**

ISSCR Travel Award recipients will receive complementary meeting registration for 2021 Virtual.

- The Travel Award application question is included in regular abstract submission (15 December, 2020 to 24 February, 2021).
- Must be an active ISSCR TRAINEE member by 24 February, 2021 to have been considered.
- Travel award notifications will be sent by 15 April, 2021.
- Travel award winners must accept AND [register for the 2021 annual meeting](#) by 21 April, 2021.
- Please reach out to [abstracts@isscr.org](mailto:abstracts@isscr.org) with questions.

**Merit Awards**

Merit Awards recognize superior abstracts with a certificate and recognition on the ISSCR website and at the annual meeting. No application necessary, only active ISSCR TRAINEE members are eligible. Late-Breaking abstracts are not eligible.

**Poster Awards**

Each year at the annual meeting, the ISSCR presents Poster Awards to six trainee members selected from over 700 eligible posters. The winners receive a \$250 stipend, a one-year subscription to Cell Stem Cell and Current Protocols in Stem Cell Biology, and complimentary registration to ISSCR's annual meeting the following year.

## Abstract Submission Overview

By submitting an abstract to be considered for the ISSCR Annual Meeting, the individual agrees to

- Adhere to deadlines for submission and acceptance.
- [Register](#) to attend the meeting if accepted.
- Pay abstract submission fee (separate from registration fee).

**Requirements**

All abstract submissions are screened by the Program Committee to ensure that they meet these standards. Failure to comply with these terms constitutes grounds for abstract rejection.

- Substantial experimental, calculated, or theoretical results included
- Adheres to the principles in the [ISSCR Guidelines for Stem Cell Research and Clinical Translation](#)
- Results are the work of the listed author(s)
- Adheres to [Abstract Submission Agreement](#)

**Tips**

- Average submission may take up to 20 minutes when materials are pre-formatted
- Edits are allowed until submission deadline.
- Only Deadline 1 abstracts, not late-breaking abstracts, are evaluated for oral presentations and/or travel, merit, and poster awards.
- Abstracts are not peer-reviewed, but if included in the Program or Abstract Books, are citable.
- Abstract reviewers must agree to protect the confidentiality of the unpublished information described in the abstracts
- All abstracts are under embargo until time of presentation. See [ISSCR Embargo Policy](#)

**Tools**

- Read "[Let me Speak! A Reviewers' Guide to Writing a successful Meeting Abstract](#)" from *Stem Cell*

### Reports

- Read our helpful [tips for writing a compelling abstract](#)
- Review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) before submitting.

## Step-by-Step Instructions for Abstract Submission

### Privacy Notice and Consent Form:

The first time you log into the abstract submission site you will see a Privacy Notice and Consent Form from our third-party vendor, CadmiumCD. Please read over the form, check the box to agree, and electronically sign the agreement.

### Title:

- Must be in all uppercase letters (ALL CAPS)
- No more than 175 characters (including spaces)
- If a tissue type is in the title, it should include the species used (e.g. MOUSE RETINA, HUMAN MUSCLE)

### Submission Type: (choose one)

#### Oral Abstract (submit 15 December, 2020 through 24 February, 2021)

- A defined number of abstracts will be selected for oral presentations in theme sessions. Oral presentations are limited to 8 minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion.
- Accepted abstracts not chosen for oral presentation will automatically be considered for poster presentation, unless submitter opts out of a poster presentation.

#### Poster Abstract (submit 15 December, 2020 through 24 February, 2021)

- Posters are displayed online as PDFs for the entire meeting. The poster should display text and illustrative material (e.g. photos, tables, charts, etc.).
- Poster presenters will interact with attendees online.

#### Late-Breaking Abstract (submit 10 March, 2021 through 7 April, 2021)

- Only poster presentations available.

### Presenter Trainee Status:

For each abstract, the submitter must indicate if the presenting author is a trainee (post-doctoral fellow or currently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or medical degree program).

## Task List for Each Submission:

### Abstract Submission Agreement

The submitter must indicate their understanding and acceptance of the Abstract Submission Agreement.

### Presenting Author:

Each abstract must identify one presenting author who will register and attend the meeting using first name, last name, city, state, country, email, gender, department, institution/company, and career status (select one option):

- Trainee: post-doctoral fellow, graduate, undergraduate, or medical student
- Early Career Investigator: independent group leader for seven (7) years or less
- Senior Investigator: independent group leader for more than eight (8) years
- Other: technician, staff scientist, etc.
- A presenting author may present a maximum of three (3) poster presentations and one (1) oral presentation during the meeting.
- The submitter will automatically be listed as the presenter. Verify all in demographic

information of the presenter. If the abstract submitter is NOT the presenting author, you must remove the submitter's name in the submission system and update with the correct information.

- No changes to an abstract's presenting author will be accepted after 6 May, 2021.

### Co-Author(s):

Each abstract may have a maximum of 24 co-authors, and must list for each individual: first name, last name, city, state, country, email, and institution/company. Department and institution names MUST be entered identically for all authors who share them on the abstract.

Enter your co-authors first and then use the arrows to put them in the correct order. Finally, press the black "Save Co-Author List" button to complete this task.

### Oral Consideration Information (Oral Submissions Only):

Oral type abstract submissions will be considered for a short talk (8 minute) in a theme session at the ISSCR annual meeting. There will be four sessions in each theme as listed here. Submitters must choose one session and if desired can identify a second session where the abstract will be considered for presentation:

#### Theme: Cellular Identity (CI)

Cell State Transitions in Development and Cancer  
Epigenetic Regulation of Cell Identity  
Metabolism and Cell Identity  
Pluripotency Dynamics

#### Theme: Clinical Applications (CA)

Complex 3D Systems for Therapy and Drug Discovery  
Engineering Tissue and Organs  
Road to Clinic I (Regenerative medicine)  
Road to Clinic II (Drug discovery)

#### Theme: Modeling Development and Disease (MDD)

Aging  
Comparative Early Development  
Modeling Development  
Modeling Disease

#### Theme: New Technologies (NT)

Bioengineering  
CRISPR Based Technologies  
Imaging  
Single Cell omics

#### Theme: Tissue Stem Cells and Regeneration (TSC)

Hematopoietic Stem Cells  
Stem Cells and Cancer  
Tissue Development and Maintenance  
Wound Healing, Stress and Aging

Abstracts not selected for oral presentations will be considered for a poster presentation unless indicated that the presenter will not present a poster.

### Abstract Details:

**Submission Theme:** There are five themes carried throughout the program. Choose the best fitting theme for the abstract:

(CA) Clinical Applications: highlighting the cellular therapy and tissue engineering research that is moving toward the clinic

(CI) Cellular Identity: understanding the basis of cell state and type, epigenetic and genetic regulation, and the mechanisms of reprogramming

(MDD) Modeling Development and Disease: examining advances using stem cells in vivo and in vitro to model development and disease with applications for drug discovery and therapeutics

(NT) New Technologies: exploring the application of emerging technologies to stem cell research

(TSC) Tissue Stem Cells and Regeneration: exploring tissue stem cells in development, maintenance, and regeneration, stem cell-niche interactions, and stem cells in cancer

**Submission Subtopic:** These are the 14 subtopics for review and poster organization. Choose the best fitting subtopic for your abstract. Your abstract will be reviewed in this area and if presented as a poster, this is the section where your poster will appear.

Adipose and Connective Tissue  
Cardiac  
Early Embryo  
Endodermal Lineage - Pancreas, Liver, Kidney  
Endothelial Cells and Hemangioblasts  
Epithelial  
Ethical, Legal and Social Issues; Education and Outreach  
Eye and Retina  
Germline  
Hematopoietic System  
Immune System  
Musculoskeletal  
Neural  
Placenta and Umbilical Cord Derived Cell

### Additional Abstract Questions:

Be prepared to answer these questions:

- Does the research described include a clinical trial or other experimental treatment? This excludes research using cell lines or tissues obtained using proper consent.

- Does this abstract include work with non-mammalian model organisms? This question is for information gathering only, it does not affect abstract review.

### Travel Award consideration (Trainees only):

The ISSCR Travel Awards in 2021 will be dispersed based on the quality of the abstract submission and will cover the virtual meeting registration fee. To be considered for a travel award, candidates must be an ISSCR member by 3 March, 2021.

- Only trainee submitters (post-doctoral fellow, graduate, undergraduate, or medical students) who submit abstracts before Deadline 1 and are ISSCR trainee members are eligible.
- To apply, select your interest for Travel Award consideration during the online abstract submission process.

### Abstract Text:

- Abstracts must be no more than 2,000 characters, not including spaces and written as one condensed paragraph.
- Abstract text should NOT include section titles (e.g., methods, results, etc.), tables, graphs, charts, diagrams, authors, references, or acknowledge funding sources.

### Funding Source:

- Limited to 200 characters with spaces, submitters may include funding source information that will appear in the print and electronic abstract publication.

### Keywords:

- Include 3 keywords to describe the research in the abstract. These will be published with the abstract to help attendees navigate the abstracts.

### Clinical Trial ID number:

- If the research described is a clinical trial include the trial identification number.

### Payment:

You will receive a payment confirmation email; this does not mean that your abstract is submitted. You must press “submit” and receive a submission confirmation email.

- All prices in USD. Non-refundable
- The ISSCR abstract submission payment is for abstract processing and does not include meeting registration. Presenting Authors of accepted abstracts must [register for the ISSCR Annual Meeting](#). This is a separate fee and not included in abstract submission.
- Payment must be made via credit card.
  - Each Deadline 1 abstract submission is \$75.
  - Each Late-Breaking abstract submission is \$75.

### Submit:

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