



Call For Proposals

General Guidelines/Requirements

- Our conference theme is ***“Collaborative Research and Practice in Pediatric Psychology.”*** Consistent with this theme, we are particularly interested in proposals highlighting collaborations with our colleagues across many health-related specialties including technology, neural and biological sciences, and other health care disciplines. Proposals for presentations of innovative collaborations between psychologists and community partners are also invited.
- Options for Submission: All abstract proposals will be peer reviewed and may be submitted as oral (Paper, Symposium, Workshop) or poster presentations. Authors may designate their submission to be considered as “Poster Only”, “Paper Only”, “Paper or Poster,” “Symposium”, or “Workshop.” All papers submitted under the “Paper or Poster” option that are not selected for a paper presentation will be considered for poster presentation.
- Individual paper proposals of high quality that are identified as reflecting a similar theme may be combined into a paper session. However, oral presentations are more likely to be accepted if they are grouped into a cohesive session with other presentations and submitted as symposia.
- Multiple submissions from the same dataset are discouraged. A study subdivided into small sub-studies is discouraged unless there is a clear rationale for presenting various aims in different abstracts.
- Author Presentation Limit: Authors are limited to **one** lead author poster abstract submission. This limit is intended to prevent very large poster sessions and high poster abstract rejection rates.
- Each abstract should represent final and original results. Abstracts based on ongoing projects will be evaluated in light of likelihood of complete data by the conference. Abstracts with complete data are preferred.

- Do not submit figures, tables, graphs, or complete posters.
- Submissions must not exceed 300 words (not including authors, title, or learning objectives) and must include the following headings:
 - Objective (rationale and aims)
 - Methods (sample, procedures, measures, analysis)
 - Results (primary findings)
 - Conclusions (implications)
 - Relevance to conference theme or topic(s) of interest (if applicable)
 - Learning Objectives (not included in word count)
- Learning Objectives: For all submission types except for “poster only” you will be asked to provide specific learning objectives that the participants will achieve from your proposed session. Learning objectives, or learning outcomes, are statements that clearly describe what the participants are expected to learn and how participants can apply this knowledge in practice or other professional contexts as a result of having attended an educational program or activity. They must be observable and measurable.

Verbs to consider when writing learning objectives:

- list, describe, recite, write
- compute, discuss, explain, predict
- apply, demonstrate, prepare, use
- analyze, design, select, utilize
- compile, create, plan, revise
- assess, compare, rate, critique
- Examples: Recognize differences between acute and chronic pain;
Summarize interventions for pediatric medical regimen adherence

Verbs to avoid when writing learning objectives:

- know, understand
- learn, appreciate
- become aware of, become familiar with

Example:

Based on the content of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Describe at least 2 ways that electronic data capture in clinical care can be used to improve clinical outcomes.
2. Identify at least 2 strategies that can be used to optimize success in implementing an electronic data capture system.
3. Develop an action plan for integrating, or expanding use of, electronic data capture in their own practice.

Symposia Proposals

Submissions for symposia will be considered for 1 hour and 2 hour sessions. Symposia submissions must include an overall summary (limited to 300 words), including the overall theme, structure (number of talks, timeline, etc.), and relevance of the symposium to the conference. In addition, each individual talk included in the proposal must be described following the guidelines outlined for all abstract submissions (300 word limit with objective, methods, results, conclusions). Symposia must have a clear coherent theme. Symposia should include 3-4 speakers and a discussant, who reflect unique perspectives. A session chair must be identified for each symposium proposal.

Please note that SPPAC 2017 cannot accommodate SIG-specific symposia for CE credits in addition to regular conference programming. We encourage SIGs to collaborate among members and between SIGs to submit proposals. Please note if the submission represents collaborative efforts of members of a SIG or across SIGs.

Workshop Proposals

Proposals for workshops that explore a topic in depth and enhance research or clinical skills are invited. Proposals for either 2 hour or 3 hour workshops are invited. The target audience should be pediatric psychologists, but may also include other disciplines (e.g., other psychology disciplines, medicine, nursing, social work). Leaders of workshops should have established expertise in the topic area they propose to teach. Key selection criteria include: Clear educational objectives of relevance to pediatric psychologists, likelihood of proposed workshop methods to achieve educational objectives, and use of effective and active teaching strategies. In addition to proposals reflecting the conference theme, submissions on ethics, research methodology, professional development, and skill building in academic or clinical domains are also encouraged. Most workshops will be held on Thursday, March 30th.

Workshop proposals must not exceed 400 words (not including authors or title) and include the following:

- Summary of workshop (purpose and structure of workshop)
- Teaching strategies
- Target audience (please include relevance of workshop to individuals from disciplines other than pediatric psychology, if applicable)
- Authors should also indicate ideal number of attendees in mind for the workshop. Please specify if there is a need to limit the session to a certain number of participants and provide a rationale.
- Learning objectives (not included in word count; See instructions above)

Relevant expertise of presenters must be detailed in a separate section (200 word limit).

Timeline

Stay tuned for more information and specific submission instructions

- September 22, 2016: Abstract Submission site opens
- October 8, 2016: Workshop and Symposia Submission Deadline
- October 20, 2016: Paper/Poster Submission Deadline
- December 2016: Notification of acceptance/rejection of submissions

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