



Rules for Participation

Who May Submit Proposals?

Anyone! Individuals who are members or non-members of the Society for Pediatric Psychology may submit a proposal. Please see instructions in the Call for Proposals about author requirements for specific sessions.

We invite individuals across the spectrum of practice (e.g. academic medicine, private practice, academia, non-traditional roles, etc.). Multiple submissions from the same data/program are discouraged. A study divided into small sub-studies is discouraged unless there is clear rationale for presenting various aims in different abstracts. **All scientific oral and poster proposals should represent final and original results.**

Please submit all abstracts in English.

Number of Submissions Allowed

An individual may submit a maximum of three proposals to be considered for SPPAC 2027. Multiple submissions that are redundant or substantively similar are not permitted. **In addition, authors are limited to one first-authored poster/paper abstract submission.**

Number of Participations Allowed

Individuals should limit themselves to three participations across programming. “Participation” refers to giving a presentation as a first author/presenter in a poster session or serving as an oral presenter/moderator for a workshop/symposium/skill-building/critical conversation session that is listed in the formal program. Participants who violate this rule will be contacted by a member of the SPPAC Scientific Program Committee or the Core Conference Planning Team and asked to only select three participations.

Exemptions from the Participation Count

Not included in the participation counts are chairs/moderators who do not present, non-presenting co-authors, business meetings, plenary addresses, invited sessions, award ceremony, 3MT competition, or other SPPAC non-CE programs.

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

All presenters are expected to disclose relationships that could reasonably be viewed as creating a conflict of interest with respect to the content of their presentations. The general purpose of such disclosures is to allow the listener to make their own informed assessment of the presentation. Each presenter is ultimately responsible for determining whether they should disclose a given relationship.

Scheduling

Persons with accepted presentations or programs must participate at the time determined by the SPPAC Core Planning Committee in-person at the conference. Please reach out to info@pedpsych.org if there are constraints for which you would like to seek an exception (e.g. religious reasons, etc.). **Constraints due to travel will not be considered.**

Conference Registration

If accepted, all presenters and moderators need to register and pay for the conference.

Student Travel Award: Students who are first authors of a poster submission can indicate if they would like to be considered for a student travel award within the presenter profile. See eligibility criteria for this award [click here](#).

Generative AI

Rules related to AI and SPPAC 2027 are consistent with the Journal of Pediatric Psychology (JPP) and the Oxford University Press (OUP) guidelines. Per OUP, “Neither symbolic figures such as Camille Noûs nor natural language processing tools driven by artificial intelligence (AI) such as ChatGPT qualify as authors, and OUP will screen for them in author lists. The use of AI (for example, to help generate content or images, write code, process data, or for translation) must be disclosed both in cover letters to editors and in the Methods or Acknowledgements section of manuscripts.”

We also take guidance from the American Psychological Association (APA), and we require submitters to attest that they have reviewed and agree to comply with the APA AI in CE Policy regarding artificial intelligence in presentation materials, including disclosing the use of AI. Please see [APA’s Generative AI Code of Conduct](#).

Publishing of Abstracts

Poster and paper abstracts accepted for presentation at SPPAC 2027 will be published in a supplement of the Journal of Pediatric Psychology (JPP), SPP's official journal, on the JPP website. The supplemental issue will be published around the time of the SPPAC conference. Late-breaking poster abstracts will **not** be included in the JPP supplemental issue.

Authors may **opt out** of publication in the JPP supplemental issue for any reason. Please see submission portal for this option.

Revisions

No revisions can be made after the submission deadline. Please ensure that the submission (including title, authors, credentials, and affiliations) is accurate at the time of submitting.

Policies for Presenters

All participants are expected to understand and agree to the Rules for Participation. All arrangements for the proposed session must be completed when the proposal is submitted. All presentations should use inclusive language that avoids stereotypes, labeling, and/or pejorative comments. Presenters are encouraged to acknowledge diversity and expected to use appropriate descriptions, including those for gender, sexual orientation, racial and ethnic identity, disabilities, and age. Participants are expected to maintain the highest standards of courteous and respectful behavior, especially when discussing sensitive and/or controversial topics.