Call for Abstracts

The Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR) is pleased to announce its call for abstracts for presentation at its 65th annual meeting in **Montréal, Canada** on **October 15 to 18, 2025**. This year's program features keynote addresses by **Michelle Craske** (UCLA), **Diego Pizzagalli** (UC Irvine), and **Dani Bassett** (University of Pennsylvania).

We encourage submission of abstracts describing new research on relationships between the physiological and psychological aspects of behavior. Abstracts must be written in plain 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 Abstracts should report original data that will not be published elsewhere prior to the meeting (presentation at a recent meeting - e.g., within a year - is acceptable).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.

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 abstract will be published in a supplement to *Psychophysiology*, as it appears on your submission. The SPR Program Chair, as Editor of the supplement, reserves the right to make editorial corrections to the submitted abstract, if necessary.

NEW ABSTRACT SUBMISSION SYSTEM - SPR has a new submission system this year. **Please pay close attention to the revised steps for creating and submitting abstracts (below)**.

Accounts for the new system:

a. If you are an SPR member, you will use the same email address and password as for the members-only area of the [SPR website](#). However, because we have a new website and a new abstract submission system, you will need to reset your password. At the abstract submission site, click "Existing User - Log In" and then "Forgot your password? Reset Password" and follow the prompts.

b. If you are not an SPR member/do not have an account, please create a new account at the submission site. Click on "New User? Create an account" and follow the prompts.

Annmarie MacNamara
2025 Program Chair

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Important Dates (all at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time)

January 16, 2025: Symposia/panel abstract submission system opens.

- February 20, 2025 – Chair adds presenters.
- February 26, 2025 – Presenters submit individual abstracts.
- February 27, 2025 – Chair finalizes and submits the proposal.

February 27, 2025: Deadline for symposia/panel submissions.

March 24, 2025: Poster submission system opens.

April 28, 2025: Deadline for poster submission.

June 3, 2025: Late-breaking poster submission system opens.

July 1, 2025: Deadline for late-breaking poster submission

Symposia and Structured Panels (90 min)

- **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 labs/groups.
- **Structured Panel Discussions** are designed to stimulate discussion about a particular issue by a panel of investigators working in that area. Compared to symposia, they place less emphasis on formal oral presentation and are less data intensive.

Format:

- Chair; optional Co-Chair; optional Discussant.
- 3-5 presenters (or 3-4 plus a Discussant).
- When selecting the number of presenters, please be sure to allow time for questions and discussion.
- The Chair should prepare a summary abstract of the symposium as a whole (less than **1,600 characters, including spaces** and not including the title, authors).
- Presenters will submit individual abstracts. No abstract is required for the (optional) Discussant or (optional) Co-Chair.

Chair instructions to enter a symposium/panel proposal

Step 1 - Symposium Chair begins a symposium/panel proposal – deadline Feb. 20, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern Time

- Log in to the submission site and create a new symposium.
- Add participants to the proposal. This step must be completed no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Time on Feb. 20, 2025. After the participants have been entered and

the proposal saved, each presenter will receive an email instructing them to submit their individual abstract.
- Chairs are encouraged to add participants to the overall proposal prior to Feb. 20th to allow more time for individual participants to complete their portion of the proposal. Waiting until Feb. 20th gives individual participants less than 7 days to complete their portion of the proposal submission.
- Obtain a commitment from all individuals to participate if the proposal is accepted.
- Enter the names and email address for each of the presenters (and optionally a Co-Chair and/or Discussant) in the symposium.
- The Chair and Co-Chair may also serve as presenters or Discussant, but the total presenters must not exceed 5 (or maximum of 4 plus a Discussant).
- Ensure that email addresses are current as this will be used for all communications throughout the planning of the program.

Step 2 – Presenters submit abstracts – deadline Feb. 26, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern Time

- Each presenter will receive a separate email with instructions on submitting their abstract.
- If the presenter is invited to participate in multiple sessions, they will receive a unique email and link for each role.
- All presenters must submit their individual abstract within the session by Feb. 26, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern Time. After it is submitted, the individual abstract can still be edited until this deadline.
- Incomplete individual abstracts as of this deadline will prevent the entire proposal from being forwarded to the Program Committee for review.

Step 3 – Chair monitors status and finalizes submission – deadline Feb. 27, 2025 11:59 PM Eastern Time

- The Chair should log back into the submission site to monitor the progress of each presenter's abstract submission.
- Each presenter will need to submit their abstract no later than Feb. 26, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern Time.
- The Chair should review all the abstracts for content and support of the session and to prevent an entire session from being rejected due to an incomplete abstract within the session. Log in to your account, go to the Dashboard, and click on the title of your submission.
- The Chair should "finalize and submit" the entire session once all presenters have submitted their abstracts and no later than Feb. 27, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern Time.
- The proposal can be edited until the submission deadline.

Posters (and Faces of the Future); Late-breaking posters

- Prepare a summary abstract of the study in a narrative form (less than **1,600 characters, including spaces** and not including the title, authors).
- Poster submissions are limited to 2 first-author submissions per individual.
- Posters on which the first-author is a trainee (i.e., undergraduate or graduate student or a pre-doctoral research assistant) are eligible for a Trainee Poster Award (only current SPR trainee members will be considered).
- First-author trainees (as defined above; only current SPR trainee members) can opt to have their submission considered for inclusion as a *Faces of the Future* talk. A subset of submissions will be chosen based on scientific merit.

- First-authors for *late-breaking posters* must be undergraduate students at the time of submission.

Big Idea symposia

- Individual abstract submissions (**1,600 characters, including spaces**) based on one of three "Big Ideas", which will be announced in early March, 2025.
- Accepted abstracts will be grouped together and presented in symposia that will be organized around each of the three Big Ideas.