

SPA Annual Meeting Submission Descriptions

PAPERS

These are panels that involve the presentation of individually submitted papers, which can focus either on research or clinical material. The Convention Program Chair will group the papers into a topic area and assign a session title. Presenters may cover a range from student to seasoned professional. Papers are allowed 15 minutes for presentation and five minutes for questions. A 200-300 word abstract on *Abstract Form A* should accompany the *Proposal Cover Sheet*.

INTEGRATED PAPER SESSIONS

Integrated paper sessions entail the presentation of a series of papers in which presenters make an effort to integrate the content of the papers with one another. Integration can be achieved in a number of ways (for example, presenters may comment on one another's papers, or a discussant may provide a commentary integrating the material in the papers). Continuing education credits are not given for Integrated Paper Sessions. Presenters may cover a range from student to seasoned professional. Integrated paper sessions require joint submission of papers, typically by the session organizer, who chairs the session. Papers are allowed 15 minutes for presentation and five minutes for questions. A 200-300 word abstract on *Abstract Form B* should accompany the *Proposal Cover Sheet*.

POSTERS

For this event, presenters will prepare a visual depiction of a research study, case analysis, or other type of material relevant to personality assessment, typically including descriptive text along with tables and/or figures; some posters also include other illustrative material such as photographs or drawings. Posters should be no larger than 3 feet high and 4 feet wide, and be readable from 2-3 feet away. A 200-300 word abstract on *Abstract Form A* should accompany the *Proposal Cover Sheet*.

NEW - SPAGS Diversity Poster Awards

Who can submit an abstract:

- SPA student affiliates, including graduate and undergraduate students
 - Faculty and Early Career members are excluded
- No limit on number of authors
 - Faculty and Early Career members can be coauthors, but first author must be a student presenter
 - Authorship must follow ethical guidelines
- One winner per poster session

Criteria / Guidelines:

- The poster must have at least one identifiable research question that concerns diversity/multiculturalism/social justice in assessment.
- The implications of the results related to diversity/multiculturalism/social justice must be interpreted and discussed on the poster.
- One or more aspects of diversity/multiculturalism/social justice must be integral to key findings of the poster/project.

- Simply having a diverse sample would not count unless a central goal of the project were to advance knowledge with respect to that uniqueness and the findings are discussed within the context of that goal.
 - E.g., a study that includes an extremely diverse sample but does not analyze data comparing different groups and comment on the finding(s) of that analysis would not meet inclusion criteria simply on the basis that an extremely diverse sample was used.

SYMPOSIA, CASE DISCUSSIONS, ROUNDTABLES

These events are **continuing education bearing**. Although they are open to all attendees, they are approved by SPA for their appropriateness in satisfying the continuing education needs of doctoral-level psychologists in the U.S. According to American Psychological Association (APA) Continuing Education guidelines, symposium, case discussion, and roundtable presenters must either 1) hold the doctoral degree in psychology, or its equivalent; or 2) “have expertise in the areas in which they present” (for example, an attorney with expertise in forensic assessment issues). Note that co-authors of symposium papers may be students, but the presenter must fulfill either Criterion 1 or Criterion 2. Events that are not accepted as symposia because one or more presenters do not fulfill the APA CE presenter criteria will automatically be considered for integrated paper sessions by the Program Chair. A 150-200 word abstract on ***Abstract Form B*** should accompany the ***Proposal Cover Sheet***.