



## Call for Proposals & Submission Guidelines

71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association

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### **Hollywood Casino**

September 23 – September 25, 2020

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The 2020 Annual Convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA) will be held at the Hollywood Casino from Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The convention will provide a variety of opportunities for sharing scientific and practice presentations, and for earning continuing education (CE) credits. We hope you will join us for an exciting meeting by submitting your proposed program or presentation for consideration, and by registering to attend.

#### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Proposals for presentations, symposia, panel discussions, and poster presentations will be considered for inclusion in the program if they are received by the standard submission deadline of **May 31, 2020**. *Submissions received after this date will only be considered on a space-available basis.*

**A Rapid Submission process for students, interns, and postdoctoral fellows** will be **available in August** and announced separately. Students applying for travel support are strongly encouraged to meet the standard submission deadline.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

MPA Members and Non-Members are welcome to submit a proposed program or presentation for consideration. Program submissions are encouraged from individuals and groups who work in various settings. Programs related to evidence-based practice, early career topics, changing health care system, reimbursement, integration or application of science and practice, treatment of addiction, and innovative academic endeavors are encouraged. However, other topics are welcomed. We strongly encourage students, early career psychologists, and faculty from colleges and universities to submit proposals and to be actively involved in the convention. *All presenters must register for the convention. Presenters are expected to comply with the American Psychological Association Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct for Psychologists. The ethics code can be downloaded at <http://www.apa.org/ethics>.*

#### **SUBMISSION FORMS (See p. 2 for descriptions of each session category)**

[Presentation/Symposium/Panel Discussion Submission Form](#)

[Poster Presentation Submission Form](#)

[Student Poster and Data Blitz Oral Presentation Submission Form](#)

#### **STANDARD SESSION CATEGORIES**

**Presentation (60-minute session; 90-minute session):**

A presentation is a research or clinical program based on sharing of research data, teaching direct skills, or demonstrating application of theory to participants. experiential approaches. Presenters may offer practical experience to help audience participants increase their understanding and/or skills in a particular area of current interests in psychology. The audience has an opportunity to ask questions and discuss relevant issues. Select presentations may be considered for Continuing Education (CE) credit. If selected, presenters will be contacted and asked to provide additional information. CE presentations are subject to additional requirements.

**Symposium (Typically 60-minute session; 120 minutes may be specially requested):**

A symposium is a program based on sharing of research findings. A symposium typically includes 3 to 5 individual paper presentations on a related topic or theme and may (but is not required to) include a discussant. The format of the symposium usually consists of an introduction of each speaker by the chairperson or session moderator. If a discussant is included, participants should prepare presentations in advance so that the discussant can prepare a coherent summary. The role of the discussant is to highlight the essential issues raised by presenters and to integrate and interpret them.

**Panel Discussion (Typically 60-minute session; 120 minutes may be specially requested):**

A panel discussion is a focused session in which participants present their views about a common theme, issue, or question. The format of the panel usually consists of an introduction to the topic by the chairperson to provide the audience with a background for the ensuing discussion. Participants then present their viewpoints, followed by interchange among participants and between the audience and participants. Most importantly, a panel discussion is not a paper-reading session. Participants should prepare presentations in advance so that the chairperson or discussant can prepare a coherent summary. The role of the chairperson or discussant is to highlight the essential issues raised by participants and to integrate and interpret them.

**Poster Presentations (Thursday evening, September 24, 2020):**

Poster sessions allow presenters and attendees to engage in extended discussions regarding the author's work, presented in illustrated form on a poster board. If your poster is selected, you must supply your own poster board, not to exceed 4' wide by 6' high. You must also supply any pushpins, Velcro fasteners, or tape which you may need. **A single tripod easel will be provided for your poster.** No lighting, electronic equipment, or freestanding displays will be permitted; unless a special waiver is granted by the Program Chair.

**STUDENT SESSION CATEGORIES (Submission deadline June 30, 2020)**

Students are specially invited to submit under two designated programming categories that will be considered for the *Student Poster Research Award* and the *Student Data Blitz Research Award*. These awards include a monetary award and are announced at the breakfast on Friday morning.

**Student Poster Presentation (Thursday evening, September 24, 2020):**

Poster sessions allow presenters and attendees to engage in extended discussions regarding the author's work, presented in illustrated form on a poster board. If your poster is selected, you must supply your own poster board, not to exceed 4' wide by 6' high. You must also supply any pushpins, Velcro fasteners, or tape which you may need. **A single tripod easel will be provided for your poster.** No lighting, electronic equipment, or freestanding displays will be permitted; unless a special waiver is granted by the Program Chair.

**Student Data Blitz Oral Presentation:**

The Data Blitz Oral Presentation allows students the opportunity to provide a brief (5-7 minute) oral presentation of a research project. Master's Thesis and Dissertation projects will receive first priority for Data Blitz Oral Presentations; however, other projects are welcome. *Submissions not selected for oral presentation will be considered for poster presentation.*

**PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS**

As in the past, you will be able to electronically submit your convention proposals to MPA. When you are ready to submit your entire proposal, send to Executive Director Amy Wilson at [mpa@mpassoc.org](mailto:mpa@mpassoc.org).