



Scientific Posters for the 2026 AAD Innovation Academy

The presentation of new ideas and original observations to the membership of the Academy and to other attendees of the Academy Meetings is an integral part of the Academy's continuing education program. The Scientific Posters Workgroup invites you to participate in the Innovation Academy Scientific Posters abstract program.

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

Poster abstracts present scientific information utilizing narrative material, photographs, charts, diagrams, etc. All abstracts will be submitted electronically via the Academy website, and accepted posters will be displayed as physical prints in the designated poster area at the convention center throughout the meeting. Selected authors will also have the opportunity to deliver an *in-person, oral presentation* of their poster at a separate, scheduled time during the meeting. Detailed information regarding the scheduled presentation time will be provided in a separate notification letter. **Please note that presentation dates/times are final and cannot be rescheduled.**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION RULES & GUIDELINES

- The submission deadline is **May 14, 2026 at 11:59AM CST**.
- An informative handout containing insight into submitting a successful scientific poster abstract can be found on the [AAD Learning Center Live Education Faculty Tools website](#).
- Abstracts should be no longer than **250 words** including spaces. Results must be shown in narrative form. Table formats, photos, and citations will not be accepted by the submission system.
- A maximum number of **10 authors** may be included with the submission.
- There is a **\$75.00** (U.S. funds) non-refundable processing fee for each abstract submitted. Credit card payment will be required at the time of submission. Payment may be made via VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.
 - The processing fee will be refunded for *AAD Graduate/Resident Members*. This must be the current member category for the submitter. To process a refund, please reach out to abstracts@aad.org.
- **Published or previously presented material should NOT be submitted.**
- If your abstract is accepted, you agree to register for the Innovation Academy and pay the appropriate registration fee.
 - The Primary Author will be listed as the presenter.
- Accepted abstracts are reprinted exactly as submitted by the author or author's representative(s). **No changes may be made to the abstract after submission.**
- Avoidance of Commercialism. All scientific posters must avoid commercialism. Trade names should be avoided in referencing drugs, devices and/or instrumentation, including lasers.
 - Any medications or other substances referred to in the presentation material should be identified by their scientific names only. To distinguish a formulation or device, use "generic name or description, [manufacturer's name]".
- Scientific posters, the cost of which is underwritten to any extent by a pharmaceutical company or other commercial enterprise, should include a clear acknowledgment stating that a portion of its cost was underwritten and identifying the commercial company involved.
- **Trade name violations/commercialism or failure to disclose commercial support will result in a failing score and the submission will be disqualified without notice.**
- Notification letters will be sent via email to the Primary Author in June.

If you have further questions regarding to the abstract submission process, please refer to the [Best Practices/Additional Information](#) document.

Questions regarding your submission should be emailed to abstracts@aad.org

GRADING

All abstracts are blind reviewed by the Scientific Posters Workgroup. Abstracts will be scored on a scale of 1-5 based upon the Science, Methodology, and Presentation of the research. Grades will be assigned as follows:

5 = Outstanding; **4** = Above Average; **3** = Average; **2** = Below Average; **1** = Unsatisfactory

Top Reasons for Unsatisfactory Scores

Following are examples of submission content that will result in below average and unsatisfactory grades.

- Trade Name Violations/Commercialism – Refer to the Submission Rules & Guidelines for detailed information.
- Briefly stated/Incomplete Studies - Abstracts which contain no data or appear to be promissory in nature.
- Multiple Abstracts - Studies utilizing the same data set which examine the same drug or device over the same time period should be condensed into one presentation. Multiple submissions of this type are not acceptable.
- Poor presentation – Abstracts which contain vague, disorganized, or unclear content or numerous grammatical or spelling errors.

AWARDS

The highest scoring abstracts will be eligible for consideration for the Innovation Academy Poster Awards. The primary author of the top five scoring posters will be given certificates of recognition, in order of ranking, from 1st to Honorable Mention to recognize their outstanding work, and monetary certificates for AAD educational material in the following amounts:

- 1st Place - \$150 Certificate
- 2nd Place - \$125.00 Certificate
- 3rd Place - \$100.00 Certificate
- 4th Place - \$75.00 Certificate
- Honorable Mention - \$50.00 Certificate

CATEGORIES

Applicants should think carefully about which category best suits their exhibit since only one may be chosen. During the review process, the Scientific Posters Workgroup reserves the right to reassign any submission to another category if they determine it is more applicable to the content of the abstract. Submitters will be notified in the email confirmation.

Scientific Posters will be searchable in the following categories:

- Acne
- Aesthetic Dermatology
- Aging/Geriatrics
- Arts, History, & Humanities of Dermatology
- Basic Science
- Clinical Dermatology & Other Cutaneous Disorders
- Connective Tissue Diseases
- Dermatitis, Contact, Allergic & Irritant
- Dermatitis, Atopic
- Dermatopathology
- Digital/Electronic Technology
- Education & Community Service
- Epidemiology
- Genodermatoses
- Hair & Nail Disorders
- Immunodermatology & Blistering Disorders
- Infection — Bacterial & Parasitic
- Infection — Fungal
- Infection — Viral
- Internal Medicine Dermatology
- Lymphoma, Cutaneous/Mycosis Fungoides
- Melanoma & Pigmented Lesions
- Non-melanoma Skin Cancer
- Pediatric Dermatology
- Pharmacology
- Photobiology, Phototherapy & Photosensitivity Diseases
- Pigmentary Disorders & Vitiligo
- Psoriasis & Other Papulosquamous Disorders
- Surgery — Laser
- Surgery — Cosmetic
- Surgery — Dermatologic Wound Healing & Ulcer