



Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

2026 Annual Scientific Meeting

Reinforcing Resilience in Aging Science, Research, and Education

Abstract Frequently Asked Questions

Meeting Information

When and where is the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting?

November 4–7, 2026 (Wednesday–Saturday), in National Harbor, Maryland. You can find more information at gsa2026.org.

Abstract Submissions

When can I submit my abstract for presentation at the GSA 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting?

The abstract submission site opens February 1, 2026, and closes March 5, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST. It is highly recommended that you log in well before the submission deadline to ensure your GSA Account is complete and you are familiar with all abstract submission requirements.

Please refer to the **Abstract Submission Planning Guide** at gsa2026.org/Abstracts for full submission criteria and details.

How do I submit an abstract?

1. Log in at gsa2026.org/Abstracts via the top right corner of the home page.
2. Click **“My Dashboard”** in the top right corner to access your GSA dashboard.
3. Under the **Events** column, select **“Call for Abstracts.”**

Note: If you were previously active with GSA, you already have an account. If unsure, click gsa2026.org/Forgot-Password.

Technical Requirements

I am having trouble signing in—why doesn't my password work?

Passwords are case sensitive. To reset your password, click gsa2026.org/Forgot-Password or click **Retrieve Password** below the login fields.

What are the browser requirements for the submission site?

The submission site works best using Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Edge.

Submission Policies

May I submit more than one abstract?

Yes. However, duplicate abstract submissions are not permitted and may result in the rejection of all abstracts submitted in duplicate.

What is the abstract submission fee? Can I get a refund?

The abstract submission fee is a nonrefundable processing fee payable by credit card at the time of submission. This fee must be paid regardless of acceptance. Once the abstract has been submitted, it is considered processed. The nonrefundable submission fees are:

- Professional Paper or Poster: \$50
- Student Paper or Poster: \$30
- Symposium (includes 3 to 5 individual symposium abstracts): \$60

Author Roles and Responsibilities

Can I be the first author and speaker on an abstract if I am not a GSA member?

Yes. You may participate as a non-member of GSA.

What is the difference between the abstract submitter, the first author, and the co-authors?

- The abstract submitter is the individual who logs in to submit the abstract. This is the individual who will receive confirmation, reminders, and the notification of acceptance or non-acceptance. **This cannot be changed in the system once the submission has started.** Submission status notifications will be sent only to the individual who submitted the abstract.
- The first author will be the speaker if the abstract is accepted and will also be the main point of contact. If the abstract is accepted but the first author is unable to attend or present, then a co-author may assume the presentation duties. Once the abstract withdrawal deadline passes, the first author listed cannot be changed in the meeting materials. The person designated as the first author will receive all communications regarding scheduling and submitting files for presentation—this arrangement cannot be changed.
- The submitter and/or first author will be responsible for disseminating submission-related communications to chairs/co-chairs, discussants, and all co-authors.

What are the roles of the chair, co-chair, and discussant in a symposium?

- Chair: symposium organizer and main point of contact (required)
- Co-Chair: can participate in the program overview (optional)
- Discussant: responsible for facilitating on-site discussion (optional)

Symposium Submissions

[I am submitting a Symposium Program Overview. How do I add the Individual Symposium Abstracts to my overview?](#)

Within the symposium submission, add the first authors for the Individual Symposium Abstracts in the Participants task. Enter the author's name and email address, select the individual symposium abstract first author role, and add authors to the participant list.

In the Individual Symposium Abstract task, all first authors of individual symposium abstracts you identified in Participants will be listed. You may input the individual abstract details or click the blue button to send an email notification to the individual abstract author to complete the task.

[How do I submit an Individual Symposium Abstract that is part of a Symposium Overview?](#)

The symposium Chair must submit the Symposium Overview before you can submit your Individual Symposium Abstract. The symposium Submitter will be required to list you as a participant with the role of Individual Symposium Abstract First Author. The Chair can enter all your abstract details or send you a custom link for you to enter them. The email will come from **abstracts@geron.org** with *Abstract Information Requested for GSA 2026 - Abstract Submission Due Date: March 5, 2026*, in the subject line. Click the link in the email to input your abstract details.

Registration and Confirmation

[Does submitting an abstract register me for the GSA 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting?](#)

No. All attendees must register for GSA's meeting separately.

[When will I receive confirmation of my abstract submission?](#)

The submitter will receive an email confirmation of the abstract submission from abstracts@geron.org. If you do not receive email confirmation, be sure to check your spam and junk folders. We strongly encourage you to add the following email addresses to your **safe senders list** and to check with your institution's IT department for any quarantined messages from these senders:

- abstracts@geron.org
- donotreply@conferenceabstracts.com
- donotreply@CadmiumCD.com

The submitted status can also be viewed in the **ABSTRACTS** section of the submission site. If your abstract has been successfully submitted, you will see a green check mark next to the abstract title. Any drafts will state **INCOMPLETE**.

Editing, Receipts, and Withdrawal

Can I edit my abstract after it has been submitted?

Your abstract can be edited up to 11:59 PM EST on March 5, 2026, the submission deadline. No edits will be accepted after the deadline.

To edit your abstract, log in to the abstract submission site and click on your submitted abstract listed under ABSTRACTS. You must click the “Continue to Submit” button, and then the “Submit” button on the following page after making edits for it to be considered during the review process. You will not have to pay the submission fee again.

How can I get a receipt for my abstract submission?

Log in to the abstract submission site, locate your completed abstract under **ABSTRACTS**, and select “View Abstract Receipt.”

Can I withdraw my abstract after the March 5, 2026, submission deadline?

Yes. Abstracts may be **withdrawn until August 6, 2026**, by submitting a written request from the First Author to abstracts@geron.org. GSA cannot ensure removal from the published meeting materials for withdrawals received after this date.

Scheduling and Notifications

When will I know whether my abstract has been accepted for presentation?

There is a two-tier abstract notification process:

1. **Early June:** A decision notification will be emailed to the abstract submitter indicating whether the abstract has been accepted or has not been accepted for presentation at the GSA 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting, along with the final accepted presentation type. GSA cannot guarantee that your abstract will be accepted in the same presentation type or program area that you submitted. We strongly recommend that authors be willing to accept an alternative presentation type. The submitting author is responsible for notifying all co-authors, chairs, co-chairs, and discussants of the abstract decision.
2. **Early July:** A second notification will be emailed to accepted abstracts chairs, co-chairs, discussants, and paper/poster first authors. These individuals are responsible for sharing this information with all co-authors. This notification will include the presentation date and time. There is no guarantee that authors will be scheduled in nonconflicting time periods. Owing to the volume of submissions, GSA cannot honor requests for scheduling changes.

The decision of the Annual Scientific Meeting Program Workgroup is final. Please ensure abstracts@geron.org and related addresses are on your **safe senders list** (see the above-listed Registration and Confirmation section).

Speaker communications for uploading presentations to the Presentation Management system will be sent to chairs, co-chairs, discussants, and first authors.

Can I request a presentation date/time? Can my coworkers and I apply for sequential presentation time slots?

Unfortunately, we are not able to honor requests for specific presentation dates, times, or groupings.

I am the first author of an abstract, and I am unable to attend the meeting—what should I do?

Although the first author is the preferred presenter, any co-author may present. However, the initial decision notification will be sent to the individual who submitted the abstract, and the designated first author will receive all communications regarding scheduling and file submission for presentation—this arrangement cannot be changed. The submitter and/or first author will be responsible for disseminating such communications to co-authors. If none of the authors can attend the meeting to present the abstract, refer to the above-mentioned abstract withdrawal policy (see the Editing, Receipts, and Withdrawal section).

Publication

Where will the abstracts be published?

All accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement issue of *Innovation in Aging* under the title: Program Abstracts from the GSA 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting. Visit geron.org/journals or academic.oup.com/gsa for more information and to access *Innovation in Aging*.

Assistance

How can I get assistance with my abstract submission?

- Refer to the Abstract Submission Planning Guide: gsa2026.org/Abstracts
- For technical support, available Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–9:00 PM EST:
 - Email: support@cadmiumcd.com
 - Phone: [877-426-6323](tel:877-426-6323) (toll free) or 410-638-9239 (direct)
- For policy and procedure questions: abstracts@geron.org

Any other questions? Please email: abstracts@geron.org