

Frequently Asked Questions: Balint Orban Memorial Competition, Research Forum Poster Competition, and Research Forum Poster Session

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

When are 2026 abstract submissions due?

Abstracts must be submitted on the AAP's abstract submission website by Friday, May 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm Central Time.

How do I submit an abstract?

All abstracts must be submitted via the AAP's online abstract submission website at <https://www.abstractscorecard.com>. Each submitter will need to create an account and follow the step-by-step instructions provided on the website.

Do I have to be a member of the AAP to submit an abstract?

Yes, AAP membership is required to submit to the Balint Orban Memorial Competition and the Research Forum Poster Competition. However, at this time, you are not required to be an AAP member to submit an abstract for the Research Forum Poster Session.

Can I submit an abstract to both competitions?

An author may submit multiple abstracts throughout their eligibility period, however, they can only present one abstract in Competition each year.

It is highly encouraged that eligible authors submit their abstract(s) to the Balint Orban Memorial Competition first. During the submission process, there is an option to have the abstract considered for the Research Forum Poster Competition if the abstract is not selected for the Balint Orban Competition. By selecting this option, if the abstract is not selected for the Balint Orban Memorial Competition, it will then be considered for the Research Forum Poster Competition, and finally the Research Forum General Poster Session. If you select this option, you do not need to resubmit your abstract for the Research Forum Poster Competition or Poster Session.

If the abstract is only submitted to the Research Forum Poster Session, it will NOT be considered for the Balint Orban Memorial Competition, even if the Lead Author meets the eligibility criteria.

Can I submit an abstract for consideration if I am not a current resident?

To be eligible for either Competition, the Lead Author (presenting author) must be a current resident or have graduated within 18 months of the Competition. The Research Forum Poster Session is open for all researchers.

Can I submit an abstract for research that I did in my undergrad if it is not published?

For research to be eligible for the Balint Orban Memorial Competition, the submitted research must have been performed within the first 36 months following matriculation.

I already have an account on perio.org. Do I need to create a new account with the online submissions site?

Yes, you will need to create a new account even if you have an account on perio.org. The abstract submissions website is not connected to your account on perio.org. When you create your account, please ensure that your email address is correct, as you will be notified via that email regarding your abstract's acceptance status.

I forgot my username or password. How can I retrieve them?

If you forgot your password, click on "Forgot Your Password" on the login screen of the submission website and a reset link will be emailed to you. Your username is the email address that you provided when you created your account.

Is there a word limit for the abstracts?

There is a 3000-character limit for the abstract submission, and an additional 500-character limit for table/image captions. The table/image caption does not count against the abstract character limit. Spaces are included in the limit. The character count will be displayed as you enter your abstract.

Can I submit pictures or tables with my abstract?

A maximum of 4 total uploads is allowed. Only one image/table is permitted per upload. You may either have up to 4 tables, up to 4 images, or any combination that does not exceed a total of 4.

Can I submit an abstract via email or fax?

Submissions are not accepted via email, mail, or fax. Abstracts must be submitted through the AAP's submissions website at <https://www.abstractscorecard.com>.

Can I submit an abstract that has been published?

Material may not have been published online or in print at the time of its submission, except as an abstract of 200 words or less. Published abstracts cannot be submitted to either competition or the poster session.

My abstract was accepted for publication before I submitted it to the AAP. Can I still participate in the competition?

Submission of a manuscript for publication consideration prior to its submission to the competition is permitted. Abstracts must be submitted to the AAP for consideration before the publish date. Editor(s) should be informed of the intent to submit the research to the competition to avoid premature publication.

Can I submit an abstract that has been presented at another meeting?

As long as the abstract has not been published prior to its submission to the AAP's abstract manager, the abstract may be submitted to the AAP's competitions and is eligible for awards.

Can I submit more than one abstract?

Yes, an author may submit more than one abstract, and present more than one abstract at the Annual Meeting. Each year, we do have authors that present multiple posters during the Research Forum Poster Session. However, an author may only compete in one Competition each year.

How do I know what research category my abstract should be in?

Please refer to the definitions below when making your selection. The Research Submissions Committee reserves the ability to change the category assignment if they feel the abstract is better suited for a different category.

Basic Research: involving laboratory or animal research

Clinical Research: research with human subjects that is:

- 1) Patient-oriented research. Research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens, and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator (or colleague) directly interacts with human subjects. Excluded from this definition are in vitro studies that utilize human tissues that cannot be linked to a living individual.

It includes:

- (a) mechanisms of human disease,
 - (b), therapeutic interventions,
 - (c) clinical trials, or
 - (d) development of new technologies.
- 2) Epidemiological and behavioral studies.
 - 3) Outcomes research and health services research

Can I submit a case report?

Yes. Case reports are only accepted for the Research Forum Poster Session and are not eligible for either Competition.

PRESENTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

When will I be notified of my abstract acceptance status?

All submitters will be notified via email by July 2026 regarding the status of their abstracts. Please ensure that your email address is correct when creating your account, as all notifications will be sent to that email.

Can a non-primary author present at the Annual Meeting?

No, only the author named as the lead author on the abstract submission may present at the Annual Meeting. If the lead author is unavailable to present, please email Ms. Kaylie Dennin at kaylie@perio.org as soon as possible.

My abstract was selected for presentation. Do I have to register for the 2026 Annual Meeting?

Yes, all presenters and finalists must register for the Annual Meeting in order to present. Only Balint Orban Memorial Competition finalists will receive complimentary registration. All presenters at the Research Forum Poster Session are responsible for their own registration and related fees for attending the Annual Meeting. Information will be provided to the finalists after their selection.

Is there a specified size for Research Forum poster presentations?

All poster presenters will be provided with a 4' (tall) x 8' (wide) (1.13m x 2.318m) corkboard on which to mount their poster. There is no specific required size for the posters, but they must fit on the provided corkboard.

Presenters are responsible for their poster design, printing, and delivery of the poster. Additional information about on-site presentations will be emailed to presenting authors before the Annual Meeting.

Does the AAP reimburse finalists for transportation, hotel, and registration fees?

The AAP only reimburses these expenses for the Balint Orban Memorial Competition finalists. All Research Forum Poster Session presenters and finalists are responsible for securing their own transportation, hotel, and meeting registration fees.

When are the finalist presentations?

Presentations will take place during the 2026 Annual Meeting held in Seattle, Washington from Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2026. Specific dates and times of each Competition and the poster session will be determined at a later date and communicated to the presenters in advance of the Annual Meeting.

I was selected as a finalist for one of the AAP's Competitions, but I am unable to present on the specified date.

If a Balint Orban or Research Forum finalist is not able to present on the day of the competition, accommodations may be provided at the Research Submissions Committee's discretion. Finalists with a conflict should contact Ms. Kaylie Dennin at kaylie@perio.org as soon as possible.

I am unable to remove my poster by the specified time. What should I do?

Please email Ms. Kaylie Dennin at kaylie@perio.org in advance of the Annual Meeting.