

2023 Call for Abstracts

February 20, 2023

The next annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology will be in St. Louis, MO from **Thursday, September 21, 2023 through Sunday, September 24, 2023**.

We look forward to receiving submissions for presentations on a wide range of topics relevant to psychopathology. Submissions may include symposia, panel discussions, individual talks, or posters reporting on completed studies or works in progress. We will also be accepting submissions in two categories that were introduced last year: Innovative Ideas Talks and Methods Workshops! **The Program Committee strongly encourages submissions from women, underrepresented minorities, and early-career scientists.** We encourage submissions on diverse content areas in psychopathology (including but not limited to mood, anxiety, personality disorders, or externalizing disorders) using diverse research methods. This year we are also especially excited to highlight presentations that emphasize the importance of theory in psychopathology research or that have a strong theoretical grounding or that present innovations in theory.

Abstracts will be accepted via the online submission portal. **The due date to submit all presentation types is Thursday, March 30th at 5:00 pm MT.** To begin the process of submitting an abstract (including consideration for the Smadar Levin Award, President's Award, and/or EDI Poster Award with a poster abstract), click on the "Submit an Abstract" tab in the portal. To begin the process of applying for the EDI Conference Scholarship, click on the "Submit EDI Conference Scholarship" tab in the portal. The EDI Conference Scholarship does not require submission of an abstract and the portal will remain open for review on a rolling basis.

Membership and Submissions

Submissions must come from Full Members of SRP or be sponsored by a Full Member of the Society. Full Members may sponsor submissions of Associate Members or non-member colleagues even if they are not a co-author on the submission. **Only SRP Full Members are eligible to chair symposia or for oral talks (other than the Innovative Ideas talks).**

Please note that individuals who have *applied* for Full Membership have the same eligibility to submit or sponsor submissions as *current* Full Members.

Presentation Formats

Formats available include posters, symposia, panel discussions, and paper sessions. This year, SRP is also pleased to offer "Innovative Ideas Talk" and "Methods Workshop" submission categories. More information on these recently added formats can be found below.

The Program Committee will select symposia and oral presentations based on **the quality of**

submissions, the diversity of presenters on the panel, and the balance of content in the overall conference program. Priority will be given to submitters who are current on their dues and may be given to members who have not presented recently. Submissions not accepted for symposia may be considered for oral presentation at the author's request; submissions not accepted for oral presentation or symposia may be considered for presentation as individual posters at the author's request. The first author is expected to give the oral presentation or present the poster.

Symposia/panel discussions. Symposia/panel discussions must be proposed by a chairperson who is an SRP Full Member. They are 75-90 minutes in length and include presentations from several speakers on a related topic. These talks should generally followed by integrative comments from the chairperson and/or discussant, with time for audience discussion at the end. Symposia participants may be non-member faculty, but not students. In planning a symposium, it is important to allow sufficient time for audience questions and discussion. The Program Committee also welcomes submissions of proposals using other formats, such as multiple brief presentations that allow extra time for discussion between presenters and audience members (e.g., a symposium consisting of multiple brief presentations all addressing a particular theory or topic, followed by panel discussion). Submissions with a focus on diversity and inclusive change are strongly encouraged.

Innovative Ideas Talk. This is an oral paper talk format that reflects topics the Program Committee is prioritizing at the SRP Conference. The themes for this year are research on (a) Theoretical innovations in psychopathology and implications for etiology and treatment; (b) Current debates in the structure of psychopathology; (c) Multisystemic predictors of risk and resilience for psychopathology (e.g., environmental, neural, genetics, social determinants of health); (d) Big data: Insights from publicly available datasets. Four talks will be selected for each topic. The intention of this format is for speakers to submit individual talks cohering around a common symposium theme that the Program Committee selects, alleviating the need for early career scholars in particular to have to organize a broader symposium. As such, half of the "Innovative Ideas" speaker slots will be reserved for individuals who are current trainees or within 10 years of receipt of their doctoral degree. We invite speakers to submit their most innovative and new work on these topics to be part of this format! When submitting your abstract, you will also be asked if you would like your talk to be considered as a Flash Talk.

Papers. Submissions accepted for oral presentations will be organized by the Program Committee into sessions that generally include four to six papers (~10 minutes per paper and several minutes for questions) and time for discussion. **Only SRP Full Members are eligible to make paper presentations.** When submitting your abstract, you will also be asked if you would like your talk to be considered as a Flash Talk.

Posters. A poster submitted by a non-member or an Associate Member must be sponsored by

a Full Member. In the submission portal, you will specify which Full Member is sponsoring the submission. Submissions for poster-only may include presentations of works in progress (e.g., studies for which data collection is well under way, but for which full results are not yet available). **Students submitting posters may request that up to 3 SRP members attend their poster and discuss their work with them.** These requests will be forwarded to the SRP members indicated and honored when possible. **Additionally, students can nominate their paper to be considered for a Student Flash Talk within the poster submission form.**

Methods Workshop. Psychopathology research is a rapidly growing and changing field with a diverse array of methodologies and techniques. The goal of this submission format is to support methods workshops that will serve as a resource for researchers and students alike by providing information on user-friendly and cutting-edge research tools and/or methods for psychopathology researchers. These are open but not limited to advances in experience-sampling, handling clinical risk, remote-based research study designs and recruitment, advanced data analysis techniques, and biological levels of analysis. A particular focus is on how these practices apply specifically to psychiatric and at-risk clinical populations and the unique issues that arise when working with these sensitive populations. We encourage submissions that take a transdiagnostic perspective, which includes understanding how particular research practices may be applied across different psychiatric disorders as well as across the lifespan from onset to maintenance of disorder.

Submission Format. Submissions will be accepted by website. Those who are unable to access the web can contact the Program Chair for alternative submission instructions. In general, each individual abstract should not exceed 200 words. For symposia/panel discussions, the chairperson should include an abstract for the symposium/panel discussion as a whole (200 words) and the symposia/panel speakers will provide individual abstracts for each presentation (each 200 words). The overall abstract should include an overview of the content, as well as information about how discussion will be incorporated into the presentation. Abstract submissions will be listed and archived online.

Number of Submissions per Member. There is no limit to the number of submissions on which a Full or Associate Member may be an author. However, anyone (i.e., Full Member, Associate Member or non-member sponsored by a Full Member) submitting an abstract may be first author on only one presentation.

Responsibilities of Sponsoring Members. Members who submit and those who sponsor abstracts make a commitment to attend the meeting if the presentation is accepted. The sponsoring member accepts responsibility to ensure that all authors endorse the submission and are aware of its contents.

Submission Withdrawals. If it is necessary to withdraw a submission, please notify the Program

Chair as soon as possible.

Other Notes. Please note that CE credits will not be available for the 2023 meeting.

Awards

Submission for awards will take place through the online submission portal. The winners will be honored during the award ceremony at this year's annual meeting.

The Smadar Levin Award. This award honors the memory of Smadar Levin, who left a lasting mark on psychopathology research before her untimely death, by recognizing the most outstanding poster presentation by a graduate student at each year's Annual Meeting. To be eligible, applicants must have completed research in psychopathology as a graduate student and be sponsored by a Full Member. In addition, applicants must be enrolled in graduate school **or** must have received the doctoral degree less than 6 months before the Annual Meeting at which the award is conferred. SRP is committed to recognizing the contributions of talented early career researchers from diverse backgrounds; hence, we especially encourage solicitations and nominations of candidates from traditionally underrepresented groups, including women and minorities.

Applicants must submit a proposal for a poster presentation at the upcoming Annual Meeting and indicate at the time of submission that they intend to submit their poster for Smadar Levin Award consideration by checking the correct box during the web-based submission process. In addition, applicants for the Smadar Levin Award must have completed results (not results in progress or hypothesized results); thus, applicants will be asked to check a box indicating that they have results of their study at the time of submission.

Selection is made by the Smadar Levin Award Committee, consisting of at least 3 SRP full members. The committee reviews the initial submissions and identifies a subset of "preliminary finalists," who will be contacted and invited to submit a complete description of their study by August 1st. The complete description is a maximum of 1,000 words, plus tables, figures, and references, and must include introduction/hypotheses, methods, completed analyses, results, and discussion. Additionally, the applicant will include a brief statement describing their role in the project (e.g., concept, design, data collection, analysis; this will not count toward the 1,000-word limit). The content of the supplement and poster should be essentially the same, although the form, format, and level of detail may differ (e.g., some method details may be omitted from the poster, material may be bulleted vs. in sentences, etc.). The committee will review complete descriptions before the Annual Meeting. Preliminary finalists will be scheduled to present their poster at the first poster session of the Annual Meeting and must be available to discuss their work with the Award Committee members or their designees. Any applicant who fails to do so for any reason is dropped from consideration.

At the first poster session of the meeting, 2-3 committee members visit the posters of all preliminary finalists to discuss the research with the applicant. If necessary due to time constraints, the committee may request other SRP members to visit posters on their behalf. The committee may—but is not required to—select up to 5 additional applications to receive SRP Travel Awards. The Committee’s evaluation includes the quality of the (1) complete description of the project, including the longer abstract, (2) poster, and (3) discussion with the applicant. The Smadar Levin Awardee and their primary mentor, and the SRP Travel Awardees and their mentors, are informed of the committee’s selections as soon as possible after the first poster session. Both Smadar Levin and Travel Awardees are free to disclose this information to whomever they choose.

The Smadar Levin Awardee receives complimentary hotel accommodations and registration at the next annual meeting. There is no address associated with the Smadar Levin or SRP Travel Awards. However, the Smadar Levin Awardee’s poster is displayed again at the final poster session of the Annual Meeting in which they receive the award. A winner who is unable to attend the final poster session should make every attempt to find another person to take responsibility for putting up and taking down the poster. Both Smadar Levin and Travel Awardees and their mentors are announced at the Annual SRP Member’s Meeting and honored at the award ceremony or banquet of the Annual Meeting. After the Annual Meeting, the Smadar Levin Committee Chair sends (or arranges to have sent to) the Awardee an award certificate. The format for this certificate is at the discretion of the Committee Chair. SRP Travel Awardees receive a \$300 check at or soon after the meeting at which they win the award.

President’s Award. SRP offers 5 President’s Awards to qualified applicants. The Award consists of free registration for the annual meeting, free membership for one year, and up to \$1,000 to offset travel and accommodation expenses. These awards are intended to encourage and facilitate the participation of young scholars from diverse backgrounds and from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the society to join the organization and to participate in and present at SRP’s annual convention. Applicants must submit a poster abstract for the meeting by the general submission due date to be considered for this award. Students should indicate that they are submitting their poster for consideration for the President’s Award at the time of abstract submission by checking the correct box during the web-based submission process. Through the submission portal, candidates should also submit a CV and a one-page research statement. A committee of SRP members will evaluate applications according to the productivity, innovation, and significance of the research program. No written reviews will be provided to candidates. Notification of awards will be in mid-May.

Candidates must either be members of SRP or must apply for membership if given an award. There is a limit of one award per person (prior awardees are not eligible). Further, applicants must be:

(1) Full-time graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, or post-baccalaureate research associates.

(2) From a group that is traditionally underrepresented in SRP. Note: An applicant may meet this criterion in many ways. Examples include being from a racial/ethnic minority group that is traditionally underrepresented at SRP (e.g., African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Asian, Alaska Native, or Middle Eastern/North African), LGBTQ+, a person with disabilities, a first-generation college student, or a student from a disadvantaged background (e.g., those who have experienced financial hardship/poverty, homelessness, or the foster care system).

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Poster Award. The EDI Poster Award is intended to promote psychopathology research on EDI, cultural factors, discrimination, and/or social justice by recognizing the most outstanding poster presentation by a trainee at any level at each year's annual meeting. The EDI Poster Awardee receives complimentary registration at the annual meeting.

The poster must present a study that accounted for diversity and/or utilized diversity science methods to improve our understanding of psychopathology. The topics could include, but are not limited to, studying an underrepresented population, examining the effects of discrimination, or examining the influence of a cultural construct relevant to psychopathology.

Candidates must have completed EDI research in psychopathology as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, graduate, or post-doc trainee.

Applicants must submit a poster abstract for the meeting by the general submission due date to be considered for this award. Students should indicate that they are submitting their poster for consideration for the President's Award at the time of abstract submission by checking the correct box during the web-based submission process. Through the submission portal, candidates should also submit a 500-word complete study description (separate from the abstract you are submitting for presentation) and a brief statement describing their role in the project (e.g., concept, design, data collection, analysis; this brief statement does not count toward the 500-word limit). The complete study description must include introduction/hypotheses, methods, results, and discussion. A committee of SRP members will evaluate applications according to the productivity, innovation, and significance of the research program. No written reviews will be provided to candidates. Notification of the award will be in mid-May.

Candidates must either be members of SRP or must apply for membership if given an award.

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Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Conference Scholarship. The EDI Conference Scholarship is intended to promote the attendance of trainees (undergraduates, postbaccalaureate research assistants, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows) from underrepresented groups to the annual SRP conference. This award is meant to offset costs that may be prohibitive to attendance. Recipients of this award will have their conference registration and membership fees waived for 2023 and 2024 and be paired with a mentor to aid in professional development and networking.

To be eligible trainees must be from an underrepresented group as defined by the National Institute of Health (NIH). Specific definitions are described here:
<https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented> (e.g., a member of a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in biomedical research, persons with mental or physical disabilities, or person from a disadvantaged background; see link for specific criteria).

Applicants are not required to submit a poster abstract for the meeting, and applications for the EDI Conference Scholarship will be open on a rolling basis. Students should indicate that they are applying for the EDI Conference Scholarship through the web-based submission portal. Through the portal, candidates should submit a CV and a 1-page personal statement that includes 1) the trainee's need for funding and description of limited funding options available to them at their home institution and 2) a description of the trainee's perceived benefit for attending the conference (e.g., networking, learning about novel research, presenting findings, etc.). A committee of SRP members will evaluate applications according to the applicant's description of need and the perceived benefit of attendance expressed in the personal statement. No written reviews will be provided to candidates.

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