



Submitting Your Late Breaking Poster Abstract: Frequently Asked Questions

When can I submit my Late Breaking Poster Abstract for presentation at The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting?

The abstract submission site opens July 16, 2021, and closes August 26, 2021, at 11:59 PM EDT. GSA does not accept abstracts via mail or email. 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 [Late Breaking Poster Abstract Submission Planning Guide](#) for full submission criteria and details.

What are the criteria for a Late Breaking Poster Abstract submission?

The Late Breaking Poster Sessions are an opportunity to present your most compelling research results that were previously not available during the initial abstract submission time period. You will be required to include a statement about why your abstract is late breaking.

Is there a limit to the number of Late Breaking Poster Abstracts I can submit?

The first author can be listed as first author on a maximum of two Late Breaking Poster Abstracts. Posters will not be accepted if they were previously submitted to the GSA 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting and not accepted.

What is the abstract submission fee?

The submission fee is for processing the abstract submission; it is nonrefundable (regardless of acceptance). This fee must be paid via credit card through the Abstract Central system at the time of abstract submission. The fees are:

- Professional Late Breaking Poster: \$40
- Student Late Breaking Poster: \$25

May I get a refund for my abstract submission fee?

No. The abstract submission fee is a nonrefundable processing fee. Once the abstract has been submitted, it is considered processed.

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

Passwords are case sensitive. To re-set your password, click [Forgot Password](#). You can also click the [Forgot Password](#) option below the login fields.

What are the browser requirements for the submission site?

The submission site works best using the browsers Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Edge.



Can I be a first author/presenter on an abstract if I am not a member of GSA?

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

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

- The abstract submitter is the individual who logs in to submit the abstract. This is the individual who will receive confirmation of the submission. **You cannot change this designation after the submission has been 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. The first author will receive the acceptance or non-acceptance decision notification message as well as scheduling information for accepted abstracts. If the abstract is accepted and the first author is unable to attend and present at the GSA 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting in Phoenix in November, it is acceptable for a co-author to take over presentation duties. Once the abstract deadline passes, the first author listed will not be able to be changed in the meeting materials. The person designated as first author will receive all communications on scheduling information and how to submit files for presentation; this communication designation maybe changed.

The submitting and/or first author will be responsible for disseminating communications to all co-authors.

Can I request a presentation date/time? Is it possible for my coworkers and me to have sequential presentations?

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

Am I automatically registered for the GSA 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting by submitting an abstract?

No! You must register for GSA's meeting separately. All individuals attending the meeting—including speakers—are required to register and pay the registration fee.

When will I receive confirmation of receipt of my abstract?

The submitter will receive an email confirmation of the abstract submission from abstracts@geron.org. If you do not receive the 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

In addition, you can check on the submission status. The submitter should log in to the abstract submission site and look at the submission listed under "ABSTRACTS." If your abstract has been



successfully submitted, a green check mark will appear to the left of the abstract title. Any drafts you have been working on, but have yet to be submitted, will state “INCOMPLETE.”

How can I get a receipt for my abstract submission?

To print a receipt for your submission, log in to the abstract submission site. Under the “ABSTRACTS” heading, your completed submission will be listed with an option to “VIEW RECEIPT.” Click on “VIEW RECEIPT” and you can print a copy of your receipt.

Can I edit my abstract after it has been submitted?

Your abstract can be edited **up until 11:59 PM EDT of the August 26, 2021, submission deadline, but *not after the deadline.*** To edit your abstract, log in to the abstract submission site, click on your submitted abstract listed under “ABSTRACTS.” You ***must*** click the “SAVE SUBMISSION” button after making edits for it to be considered during the review process. You will not have to pay the submission fee again. **GSA will not make any edits after the submission deadline.**

Can I withdraw my abstract after the submission deadline of August 26, 2021?

Yes. To withdraw an abstract submission, email abstracts@geron.org by October 30, 2021, and it can be removed from the Annual Scientific Meeting online platform only. However, it cannot be removed from other meeting materials after the August 26, 2021, submission deadline date.

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

Although the first author is the preferred speaker, any co-author may present. Abstract notifications will be sent to the person designated as first author, who will receive all communications on how to submit files for presentation (this ***cannot*** be sent to a person any other role). The submitting and/or first author will be responsible for disseminating confirmation and all abstract communications to co-authors. If none of the authors can attend the November meeting in Phoenix and present the abstract, the first author must withdraw the abstract in writing by emailing abstracts@geron.org as soon as possible.

When can I find out if my Late Breaking Poster Abstract was accepted?

Abstract notifications will be sent during early October. The decision of the Annual Scientific Meeting Program Workgroup is final and changes to abstracts will not be accepted after the submission deadline: August 26, 2021, at 11:59 PM EDT.

Instructions for submitting any presentation slides or handouts will be emailed to the poster first authors closer to the time of the meeting. To make sure you receive all GSA correspondence, add abstracts@geron.org, donotreply@conferenceabstracts.com, and donotreply@CadmiumCD.com to your safe senders list of email addresses.

When and where is GSA 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting?

The meeting begins on November 10 in Phoenix, Arizona. You can find more information at gsa2021.org.



How can I get assistance with my abstract submission?

- Refer to the Abstract Submission Planning Guide at <https://www.gsa2021.org/Speakers>
- For Cadmium technical support, available Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–9:00 PM EDT:
 - Email: support@cadmiumcd.com
 - Phone: 877-426-6323 (toll free) or 410-638-9239 (direct)
- For policy and procedure questions: abstracts@geron.org

Where will the abstracts be published?

All accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement issue of *Innovation in Aging*. Visit www.geron.org/journals or academic.oup.com/gsa for more information and to access *Innovation in Aging*.

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