



June 20-22, 2019
Toronto, ON
Chelsea Hotel Toronto

Hosted and organized by the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance in partnership with Tuberous Sclerosis Canada Sclérose Tubéreuse and the TS Alliance of Mexico.

Abstract Submission Overview

We invite you to submit an abstract for consideration for the following opportunities:

All attendees

- 10-minute talk during main meeting (with five minutes for questions) (June 20-22)
- Poster (evening of June 21)

Early-career researchers only

- 10-minute talk during early-career researcher symposium (morning of June 20)
- Vicky H. Whittemore Travel Award (up to USD 1,000)

The deadline for abstract submission is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (US/Canada) on Friday, March 22, 2019.

We expect to announce talk/poster and travel award decisions by mid-April, at least two weeks before early conference registration ends.

Eligible Topics

Reports on data from all aspects of basic, clinical and translational research on TSC and related disorders are invited.

Vicky H. Whittemore Travel Awards

Early-career researchers¹ are eligible to receive travel awards. Abstracts of eligible authors requesting consideration for travel awards will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee, excluding any committee members who may have a conflict of interest. The Organizing Committee will select a limited number of abstracts for receipt of travel awards of USD 1,000 each, depending on available funds.

Evaluation Process

Main Meeting Talks and Posters

The Organizing Committee anticipates accepting approximately 10 abstracts for talks during the main meeting. The remaining abstracts will be accepted for poster presentation as floor space allows. Decisions on whether to accept the abstract and how to group talks and posters lie solely with the Organizing Committee.

Early-Career Researcher Symposium Talks

Abstracts submitted by early-career researchers who were not selected for talks during the main meeting will be forwarded to the Early-Career Researcher Symposium Co-Chairs, who will select a limited number for talks. Decisions on whether to accept the abstract and how to group talks lie solely with the Co-Chairs.

Vicky H. Whittemore Travel Awards

As specified in our R13 application to the NIH for travel support to encourage attendance by trainees and early-stage investigators, evaluation of abstracts for travel awards will be based on a combination of innovation of the project, scientific rigor of the approach, financial need (lack of other funding to enable attendance), and voluntarily self-reported membership in a traditionally underrepresented group. It is important to understand financial need and voluntarily reported membership in an underrepresented group are only two of the factors considered.

¹ Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, or junior faculty members (defined for this purpose as non-tenure-track faculty or tenure-track for less than three years).

Abstract Submission Process

Abstracts must be submitted online through [proposalCENTRAL](#). If you are submitting an abstract and have not used proposalCENTRAL previously, you will need to register and select your primary institution. If your primary institution does not appear in proposalCENTRAL's database, please contact proposalCENTRAL's customer service.

Please note for the purpose of this abstract submission process, all references in proposalCENTRAL to the "applicant" or "principal investigator" refer to the person submitting the abstract ("submitter").

Page 1 - Title Page

Question 1. Title in sentence case:

Example: Identification of novel mutations in TSC1 gene

Question 2. My presentation best fits in the following topic area:

- Basic biology relevant to TSC
- Disease mechanisms and preclinical drug studies
- Clinical trials and non-interventional clinical studies
- Biomarker or preclinical model development
- Genetics of TSC
- Burden of TSC and engaging those affected to impact research
- Other

Question 3. Please select the presentation opportunities for which you wish your abstract to be considered:

- 10-minute talk during main meeting (June 20-22)
- Poster during the main meeting (evening of June 21)
- Either a talk or a poster during the main meeting

Page 2 – Early Career Researchers Only

Please skip this page if you are not an early career researcher (e.g. graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or junior faculty member [non-tenure-track faculty or tenure-track for less than three years]).

Question 1. I am an early career researcher (e.g. graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or junior faculty member [non-tenure-track faculty or tenure-track for less than three years]).

- Yes
- No

Question 2. I am an early career researcher and wish to be considered for a Vicky H. Whittemore Travel Award.

- Yes. I will be unable to attend without a travel award.
- Yes, but I have other funding that may enable me to attend if I did not receive a travel award.
- No

Question 3. Optional for Vicky H. Whittemore Travel Award applicants: I am a member of one or more traditionally underrepresented racial or ethnic groups as defined by the NIH (Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders).

- Yes
- No

Question 4. Optional for Vicky H. Whittemore Travel Award applicants: I am an individual with a disability (someone with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major activities).

- Yes
- No

Question 5. I am an early career researcher and plan to attend the Early Career Researcher Symposium on the morning of Thursday, June 20.

- Yes
- No

Page 3 - Enable Other Users to Access this Proposal

This page is optional.

Page 4 – Authors

Questions 1 and 2. Please confirm your contact information is correct.

Question 3. Please list the presenting author (the person who will stand by the poster or give the talk) first. Then list all other authors in the order and format you would like them to appear in the program book.

Example: Karen Shulist, Steven L. Roberds, Kari Luther Rosbeck. (In this example, Karen Shulist is the presenting author.)

Question 4. Please list the authors' institution(s). If authors from multiple institutions are involved in the project, list the authors' initials after the name of the institution in parentheses.

Example: Tuberos Sclerosis Canada Sclérose Tubéreuse, Barrie, ON, Canada (KS); Tuberos Sclerosis Alliance, Silver Spring, MD, USA (SLR, KLR).

Page 5 – Institution and Contacts

Please confirm your institutional information is correct.

Page 6 – Abstract

Question 1. Please provide an abstract for a technical audience not to exceed 2,500 characters, including spaces. Any text beyond 2,500 characters will be cut off.

For technical reasons, this box accepts plain text ASCII input only. Spell out all Greek letters (e.g. "alpha") and avoid superscripts and other special formatting. At the "Print a Copy" stage, you can click on "Print Signature Pages with Attachments" to verify whether your abstract appears correctly. Abstracts will be copied as-is into the program book.

Question 2. Please select keywords appropriate to the proposed project.

Select keywords with care: they will be used to facilitate selection of scientific peer reviewers.

Page 7 – Validate

Click the 'Validate' button below to check for any missing REQUIRED information or files. All missing required information will be listed on the screen. Please correct any missing information before proceeding to the next step.

Page 8 – Print a Copy

This page gives you an opportunity to print a copy of the abstract, which proposalCENTRAL calls a “signature page.” However, no signature or PDF is required by the Organizing Committee. This is simply an option for the submitter to save a record of the submission.

Page 9 – Submit

To submit your abstract, click the 'Submit' button. You will be unable to submit if you have not provided all the required information. Any missing information will be listed on the screen. If your submission is successful, you will receive a confirmation message on the screen as well as a confirmation email.

Prior to submission, data can be saved and resumed at any point. We recommend you verify the status of your application has changed to Submitted. For best results, you should log out and close all proposalCENTRAL browser windows. Log in and click the Submitted tab under Manage Proposals. Your application should be listed with the status of Submitted along with the date and time of the submission.

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