AAPP 2027 Annual Meeting

Abstract Author and Poster Presenter Handbook

April 4–7, 2027 • Louisville, Kentucky

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Key Dates

- January 7, 2027, 11:59 PM Central Time — Abstract submissions and all award supporting documents are due.
- Around February 15, 2027 — Corresponding authors are notified whether abstracts were accepted, and presenters are notified of their assigned poster session.
- March 1, 2027 — Last day to change a presenting author.
- March 4, 2027 — Presenting authors must be registered for the meeting. Abstracts without a registered author may be subject to administrative removal.
- March 26, 2027 — Award finalist PowerPoint materials are due to the AAPP office. Work in Progress finalists confirm to the AAPP office that complete results are in hand.
- March 28, 2027 — A PDF of the final poster is due, uploaded to aapp.org.
- April 4–7, 2027 — AAPP 2027 Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky.
- April 4, 2027 — **Award finalist platform presentations**
- April 5, 2027 — Award recipients announced in the morning
- April 5-6, 2027 — **Poster sessions**

Additional information about the meeting, registration and lodging can be obtained at aapp.org/2027. If you need further accommodations or assistance, please contact Vanessa Wasser, AAPP Membership and Office Specialist, at info@aapp.org or 402-476-1677.

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What's New for 2027

As part of AAPP's commitment to continuous improvement, the 2027 Annual Meeting brings several changes to abstract submission and poster presentation. They are summarized below and described in full throughout this handbook.

- **Streamlined Abstract Types:** There are three abstract types, aligned with the award categories. Work in Progress and Encore are no longer separate types; both are now submitted under Original Research.
- **Simplified Award Structure:** There are four awards — Student Poster Award, Resident Poster Award, Pharmacist Research Award, and Pharmacist Innovative Practice Award. Each abstract is eligible for exactly one of them.
- **Shorter Poster Sessions:** Poster sessions are 30 minutes this year, with no more than 30 posters in a session, so authors present for a shorter period to a more focused audience alongside fewer competing posters.
- **Revised Handbook:** This handbook has been reorganized and edited to be more concise and easier to use.
- **New Submission Center:** The AAPP abstract submission center has a new look to improve the submission process.

Abstract Submission Instructions

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract to the 30th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP), April 4–7, 2027, in Louisville, Kentucky. Abstracts are due January 7, 2027, at 11:59 PM Central Time. The AAPP Abstracts Committee asks that you meet the requirements below before submitting.

View Submission Examples

Formatting and Content

- Do not describe a single research project across multiple posters at the same meeting.
- Abstracts must be submitted online using the web-based portal and form provided. You may store your submission and continue to edit until you indicate the abstract is ready for submission. You are encouraged to preview the abstract thoroughly prior to submitting.
- Abstract submissions must be limited to 350 words. All abstract content must fit within the word limit. The limit does not include author or title information, but it does include headings. The abstract submission center will reject any submission exceeding the word limit.
- If possible, use the suggested headings for your abstract type.
- No tables, figures, footnotes, or line breaks are permitted in any abstract submission.
- Any dates included in an abstract should be written in one of the following formats:
    - From January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021
    - Between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021
    - January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021

Authorship and Approvals

- Presenting authors, except for Encore abstracts, must be an abstract author.
- Presenters are responsible for obtaining all author and institutional approvals required for submission.
- Presenters cannot be changed after March 1, 2027.

Disclosures

- Before accessing the abstract submission center, you will be required to complete a disclosure of interest form.
- You must disclose if the abstract is sponsored.
- You must include all relevant disclosures of interest on the poster.
- Abstracts must deidentify any organization(s). Posters and platform presentations do not need to deidentify organization(s).

Artificial Intelligence Policy

AAPP requires all authors to disclose if artificial intelligence (AI) was substantively utilized in the development of their work. The use of AI for copyediting does not need to be mentioned in the abstract or poster, but authors are required to thoroughly review their work prior to final submission, as AI-generated content may be inaccurate, biased, or plagiarized. The use of AI in developing study design, methods, and/or data analysis should be described in the Methods section of the abstract and poster. AI applications should not be cited or listed as a co-author.

Publication

All accepted abstracts will be published on the AAPP website during and after the Annual Meeting. Excluding Work in Progress and Encore abstracts, accepted abstracts will be published in full in the April or June edition of Mental Health Clinician (MHC). If you do not wish to have your abstract published in MHC, you will not be allowed to submit a poster for the AAPP 2027 Annual Meeting.

When submitting your abstract, you will confirm an understanding of these instructions and the following publication release:

> *Mental Health Clinician (MHC) will publish accepted abstracts. By submitting my abstract online, I consent to have the abstract from my accepted poster for the AAPP 2027 Annual Meeting appear in the MHC (April or June 2027), published by AAPP. I grant AAPP the non-exclusive right to publish my abstract, including all versions and editions of the abstract and foreign language translations and other derivative works thereof, in whole or in part, alone or in compilations, in all formats and media now known or later developed, published, or prepared by AAPP, its assignees, and its licensees. I understand that the rights I have granted to AAPP in no way restrict republication of my abstract in any form by myself or others authorized by me.*

Peer Review and Acceptance

All abstracts are subject to a standardized peer review process and may be rejected, so it is important to review this document carefully. Each abstract is reviewed by 3 independent, blinded reviewers. Final decisions are made by the Abstracts Committee, which means up to 5 people review each abstract.

The same criteria are applied to every abstract type and to every award category:

- Background (e.g., objectives, review of literature, originality/significance)
- Methods or description of the practice or case
- Results or outcomes*
- Conclusions*

* Results and conclusions are not scored for a Work in Progress.

Abstracts can be rejected due to inadequate background, poor methodology, incomplete sections, improper formatting, and overall readability. It is important for all corresponding authors to pay close attention to this handbook and to seek assistance as necessary, to ensure both that the research project is solid and that the abstract is a professional representation of that project.

If initially rejected, research trainees (inclusive of students and residents) will be given 5 days to revise and resubmit an abstract for the same research project. If provided, the residency program director (RPD) or faculty advisor will additionally be notified of the initial rejection, to help facilitate corrections. If the deficits are not addressed, the revised abstract will be rejected with no further recourse.

All other abstracts (i.e., those from practicing health care professionals) are either accepted or rejected, with no recourse.

Notification and Registration

- Once the abstract is successfully submitted, only the submitter will receive communications.
- The submitter will be notified of the status of the abstract around February 15, 2027.
- Presenting authors of accepted abstracts must be paid, in-person registrants for a minimum of the day of their poster session. Award finalists must register for at least April 4 and April 5. Registration must be received by March 4, 2027, or the abstract will be administratively removed.
- AAPP staff reserve the right to require advance registration prior to abstract acceptance. If you have withdrawn an accepted abstract in at least two of the last four years, you may be required to pre-register for the Annual Meeting prior to abstract acceptance.
- Registration for presenting authors cannot be cancelled after March 4, 2027, even if their poster is withdrawn.

Abstract Types

There are three abstract types for 2027. Work in Progress and Encore are no longer separate types; all submissions fall under one of the three below. Every type is scored against the criteria listed under Peer Review and Acceptance.

Original Research

Abstracts should describe original research topics including medication use evaluations, quality assurance projects, implementation research, pharmacodynamics, pharmacoeconomics, pharmacokinetics, pharmacogenomics, and academic pursuits. See important notes below regarding previously presented work (Encore) and Work in Progress.

Suggested headings: Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusions.

Encore: Previously Presented Work

Abstracts of work that has already been presented and peer reviewed are submitted under Original Research. The submission must state where the work was previously presented, or it will be disqualified. Work presented by residents at ASHP Midyear is exempt from this requirement. **Previously presented work is not eligible for any award and should not be submitted for award consideration.**

WIP: Work in Progress

Abstracts describing preliminary results or the status of ongoing work are also submitted under Original Research, by principal investigators at any career stage. They must include an interim data analysis and a timetable for completing the study.

Innovative Practices

Abstracts describing the development, justification, documentation, and/or delivery of innovative services or activities applicable to psychiatric and neurologic pharmacy. The descriptive abstract should not duplicate any other abstract type.

Suggested headings: Background and Rationale, Description of the Innovative Service, Impact on Patient Care or Institutional Practice, Conclusions.

Therapeutic Case Report

Abstracts describing the various aspects of pharmaceutical care relating to individual psychiatric and/or neurological pharmacy cases. The patient history should be complete, including age, gender, time from first diagnosis, social background, and details of and response to previous and current treatment(s).

Suggested headings: Background, Patient History, Review of Literature, Discussion, Conclusions

Poster Instructions

Poster PDF Upload

Presenting authors must upload a PDF of the final poster to aapp.org by March 28, 2027, one week before the Annual Meeting. The PDF is used for the online proceedings and for attendees who cannot reach the poster hall during an assigned session. Uploading the PDF does not replace staffing the poster in person.

Poster Session Schedule and Assignments

The scientific poster sessions will be held at The Galt House on April 5-6, 2027. Poster sessions are 30 minutes this year, and no session will include more than 30 posters. Where a 90-minute block appears on the meeting schedule, it is three consecutive 30-minute poster sessions rather than one long session.

The Abstracts Committee assigns each accepted poster to a session. Depending on the number, types, and topics of abstracts received, we expect to place students and award finalists on Monday and residents on Tuesday, with other health care professionals distributed across both evenings. Presenters are notified of their assigned session at least 2 weeks before the meeting and must staff their poster for the full 30 minutes of that session.

Presenters must remove their own posters **immediately** after their session since another presenter will use the same board after you. Any remaining posters will be discarded by the poster vendors or AAPP staff.

Award recipients are announced on the morning of Monday, April 5, 2027.

Poster Specifications

- Poster boards are 4' x 8' (H x W). Although poster size is at the discretion of the presenter, the ideal poster size is within 3' x 6' (H x W).
- Posters should be readable by the audience from 8' away from the board.
- Conflict of interest and funding source disclosure information for all authors must be included within the poster. If there are no disclosures or funding sources, the poster should indicate that there is nothing to disclose.
- Figures and tables should be appropriately marked with orienting instructions (labeled axes and columns, etc.).
- Poster numbers are not required to be on the posters themselves. Poster numbers will be affixed by AAPP to the top center of the poster board.

Poster Hall Reminders

- Wear your badge. Only meeting attendees are permitted in the poster hall.
- Use push pins. Push pins are provided; do not use staples, tape, Velcro, or other adhesives on the poster boards.
- Plan ahead. No furniture or equipment is permitted. If you have a condition that requires you to sit down, please contact AAPP in advance at info@aapp.org.
- Be safe. Do not leave your valuables unattended in the poster hall. Check your area after your session for anything you may have left behind.

Shipping

If you are planning to ship your poster to the hotel, please ensure that your materials arrive no more than 3 days before the meeting date. Hotel handling charges may apply and are the responsibility of the presenting author. Any materials being sent to the host hotel must be marked as follows:

(GUEST NAME) The UPS Store
325 W. Main St. Suite #150
Louisville, KY 40202

AAPP Research and Practice Awards

Abstract authors are encouraged to request consideration for one of AAPP's four awards. Each award comes with a $500 honorarium! If you are submitting for an award, upload the required supporting documents with the abstract. The submission system stores your documents and allows further edits until you confirm that your submission is final. The four awards are:

- Student Poster Award
- Resident Poster Award
- Pharmacist Research Award
- Pharmacist Innovative Practice Award

Award Eligibility

Work That Is Not Eligible for Any Award

- Previously presented or published work (Encore). Prior peer review or a forthcoming publication do not constitute presentation and are therefore acceptable.
- Therapeutic Case Reports. No award category accepts a Case Report abstract.
- Work in Progress, except as provided below.

Each abstract is eligible for exactly one award, determined by the career stage of the submitting first author or, by the abstract type for authors not in training. Applicants do not choose among award categories.

General Requirements for All Award Finalists

- Register for the in-person Annual Meeting for a minimum of Sunday and Monday, April 4–5, 2027.
- Provide a 12-minute platform presentation (10 minutes plus 2 minutes of questions and answers) on Sunday, April 4, 2027.
- Submit finalized PowerPoint materials to the AAPP office by March 26, 2027.
- Staff their poster during an assigned session on Monday, April 5, 2027.
- Only one presenting author may deliver the award platform presentation.

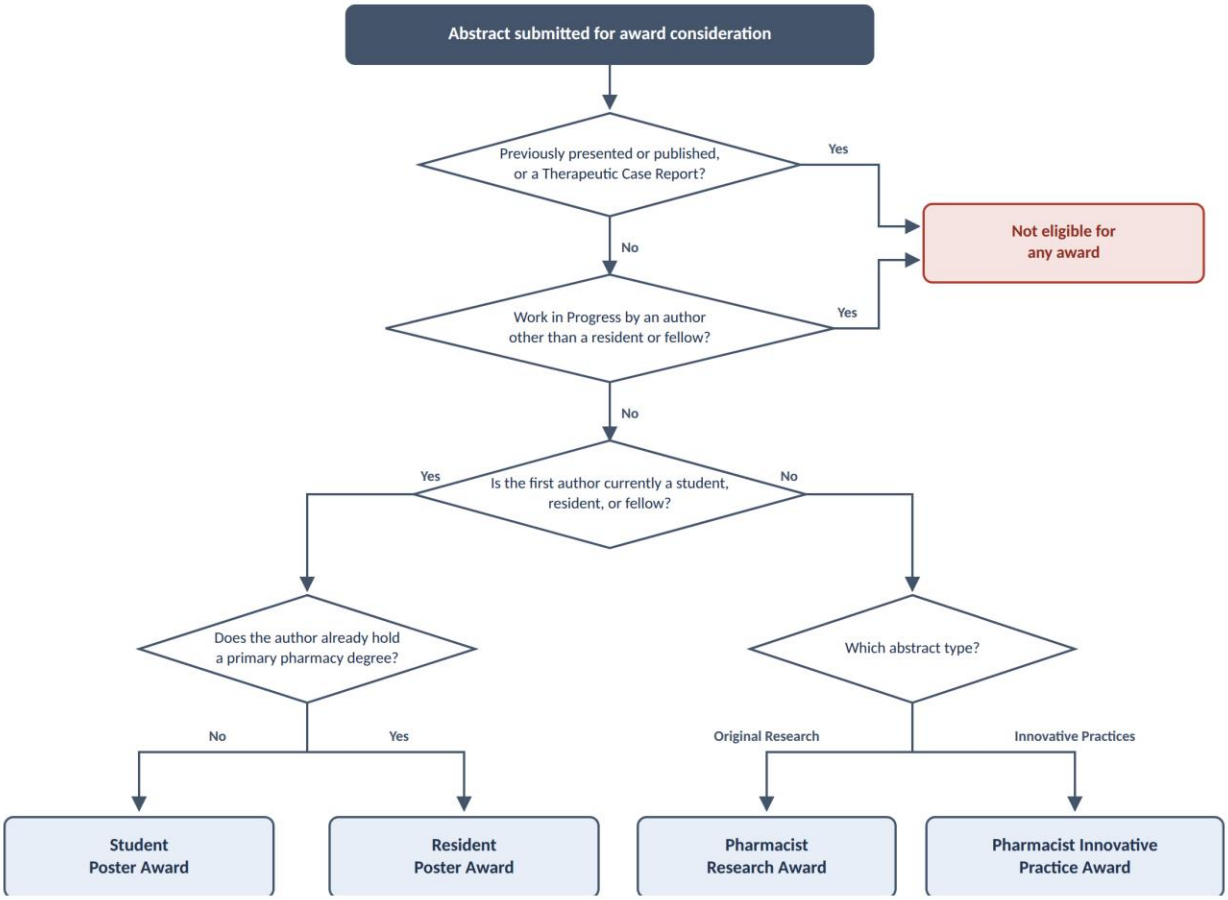


Figure 1. Determining which award an abstract is eligible for.

The table below states the same routing in full.

Career stage of the submitting first author	Eligible abstract types	Award
Pharm.D. student (P1–P4), or a student enrolled in a College of Pharmacy M.S. or Ph.D. program who does not yet hold a pharmacy degree	Original Research or Innovative Practices	Student Poster Award
PGY1 resident, PGY2 resident, post-doctoral fellow, or an M.S. or Ph.D. candidate who already holds a primary pharmacy degree	Original Research or Innovative Practices, including Work in Progress (see below)	Resident Poster Award
Holds a professional or graduate degree (Pharm.D., R.Ph., M.S., bachelor's degree, or Ph.D.) and is not enrolled in a degree program or completing post-graduate training	Original Research	Pharmacist Research Award
Holds a professional or graduate degree and is not enrolled in a degree program or completing post-graduate training	Innovative Practices	Pharmacist Innovative Practice Award

Work in Progress and Award Eligibility

A Work in Progress abstract may only be submitted for the Resident Poster Award.

The abstract itself is not required to contain results. It must include an interim data analysis and a timetable showing that complete results will be in hand in time to present at the Annual Meeting. When award finalist PowerPoint materials are due, a Work in Progress finalist must confirm they have complete results, else they will be withdrawn from award consideration and platform presentation, though the poster remains accepted and scheduled in the assigned poster session.

Additional Requirements by Award

- Pharmacist Research Award
  - **Upload**: Brief letter explaining your role in the project, including in the initial study conceptualization/design and IRB application (100-500 words).
- Pharmacist Innovative Practice Award
  - **Upload**: Detailed description of the practice (maximum 1500 words).
  - **Upload**: Brief letter explaining your role in the project (100-500 words).
- Student Poster Award
  - **Upload**: Letter of support, which must include an explanation of the exact role of the student in the project. The letter may not be self-written and must be written by an advisor with authorship credit on the abstract.
  - **Upload**: Brief letter explaining your role in the project (100-500 words).
- Resident Poster Award
  - **Upload**: Letter of support, which must include an explanation of the exact role of the resident or fellow in the project. The letter may not be self-written and must be written by their Residency Program Director or advisor with authorship credit on the abstract.
  - **Upload**: Brief letter explaining your role in the project (100-500 words).

Award Requirements

Submission Requirements

- See "Award Eligibility" above.
- Submission of the abstract online.
- Applicant must be 1st author on the abstract.
- Maximum word count: 350.
- All supporting documents must be uploaded in the abstract submission center by 11:59 PM Central Time on January 7, 2027.
- Curriculum vitae (maximum 10 pages).

How Award Abstracts Are Judged

All four awards use the same two-stage process and the same criteria.

Stage 1: Peer Review for Finalist Status

Submitted abstracts are scored on the peer review criteria listed under Peer Review and Acceptance. Supporting documents are checked for completeness before review; an application missing any required document is not forwarded to reviewers. In addition to standard peer review criteria, award applicants are additionally evaluated based on their role in the project.

Stage 2: On-site Judging for Award Selection

Finalists are judged on the same peer review criteria as delivered in the platform presentation, plus the following, which apply identically to all four awards:

- Presentation
- Answers to questions
- Effective use of time
- Poster quality based on the uploaded Poster PDF