

POSTER ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) 2026 Annual Meeting will be held in **Bordeaux, France, June 14–18, 2026**. *We strongly encourage poster presenters to plan ahead and join us in person for this event.* In addition to presenting onsite, poster presenters will also have the option to upload supporting content related to their abstract, such as an e-poster PDF.

Thank you for your flexibility and commitment—we look forward to your contributions to the scientific program.

Submission Deadline
Monday, December 15, 2025, at 11:59pm EST (USA)

Abstract Fee

A **non-refundable submission fee of \$40 USD** is required for each abstract submission. Abstracts will only be considered for presentation if the fee has been paid.

Abstract Guidelines

The OHBM Program Committee expects submissions to be of high scientific quality and to provide a meaningful and positive experience for attendees. Please carefully consider whether your work requires multiple abstract submissions or whether your data can be effectively presented in a single abstract.

- Enter your abstract exactly as you would like it to appear in the Annual Meeting abstract book and related publications.
- Avoid using all capital letters, except for standard acronyms (e.g., MRI, PET, PRESTO).

Abstract Structure & Limits

- **Title:** Maximum 100 characters; refrain from using all caps.
- **Authors and Affiliations:** Up to 40.
- **Body:** Introduction (2,000-character limit), Methods, Results, and Conclusions (4,000-character limit each). Character limits include spaces.
- **Figures:** Optional; up to 2 (see figure guidelines below).
- **References:** Maximum of 5, formatted in AMA style.

Categories

When submitting your abstract, you may select **one Primary Parent Category and Sub-Category** and **one Secondary Parent Category and Sub-Category** ([click here](#) to view full list) to best describe your research and its application. Your primary selection is especially important, as it determines which reviewers evaluate your work and how it will be grouped into poster sessions at the Annual Meeting. Choosing the most accurate category helps ensure your abstract is reviewed by experts in your field and reaches the right audience at the meeting. The secondary category may also be considered, though it is more likely to influence final placement in an oral or poster session than reviewer assignment.

References/Citations

Each abstract submission may include up to five references, formatted in AMA (American Medical Association) citation style. References should be listed under the “References/Citations” heading in the submission form, enumerated and organized in the order they appear in the text. In-text citations

should be indicated by superscript Arabic numerals placed outside periods and commas, and inside colons and semicolons. If you have no references to report, write “not applicable” in the text box. An example of a correct citation can be found below:

In-text citation:

The results support previous findings on the topic.^{^1}

Reference citation:

1. Annas GJ. New drugs for acute respiratory distress syndrome. *N Engl J Med.* 1997;337(6):435–439.

Level of Detail

Please include sufficient detail in your **Methods** and **Results** sections to allow readers and reviewers to understand your study design and findings. This may include:

- Data acquisition methods
- Data processing approaches
- Number of participants tested
- Quantitative results and relevant statistics

Figure Guidelines

- Maximum of **2 figures** per abstract - 1 in Methods section; 1 in Results section
- Figures will be resized to a maximum height or weight of **1000 pixels** (aspect ratio preserved)
- Maximum file size: **10 MB**
- Accepted formats: **JPG, PNG, GIF**
- Captions must be embedded directly within the figure image

Abstract Review & Rejection Criteria

All abstracts are peer-reviewed by multiple reviewers. The OHBM Program Committee may reject abstracts that:

- Lack sufficient methodological or results detail
- Contain planned work only (e.g., “data will be collected/analyzed”)
- Score at or below 1 on the reviewer scale

*Please ensure your submission describes **completed work** at the time of submission.*

Meeting Registration

- You do not need to register for the Annual Meeting to submit an abstract.
- However, if your abstract is accepted, the presenting author is required to register for the meeting.
- You will be notified by email when registration opens in January.

Awards for Trainees

OHBM is deeply committed to supporting the involvement of trainees in its Annual Meetings. To encourage participation, OHBM offers two types of awards designed to help offset the costs of travel and attendance:

- **Merit Abstract Award** – recognizes outstanding trainee submissions, specifically those that receive the highest peer-review scores and demonstrate exceptional scientific quality.

- **Travel Stipend Award** – provides financial assistance to trainees with highly rated abstracts who reside in countries formally recognized as economically disadvantaged.

Trainees are welcome to apply for both awards; however, recipients will only be eligible to accept one. Additional information and applications are available directly within the abstract submission process, and applications are accepted *only* through this system.

Presentation Release & Publication

By submitting an abstract, you grant OHBM permission to distribute your presentation in any format, including video, audio, print, and electronic text. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Aperture Neuro abstract book, available via the OHBM website following the Annual Meeting.

Final Checklist

Before submitting, please:

- Proofread carefully for clarity, accuracy, and consistency
- Confirm your abstract meets the formatting and length requirements
- Double-check figures and references

Questions?

For additional information: Contact the OHBM Executive Office at info@humanbrainmapping.org.