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ACVP Annual Meeting Abstract Submission Guidelines

The American College of Veterinary Pathologists welcomes submission of abstracts during three calls for research impacting the science and practice of anatomic and clinical veterinary pathology for possible presentation at its Annual Meeting. Submitted abstracts may be selected for scientific poster or platform presentation, or both on rare occasions.

2026 Dates

Call for abstracts: May 1 - July 1 (11:59pm CT)

Notification of acceptance: Early August

Call for veterinary student abstracts: June 15-August 4 (11:59pm CT)

Notification of acceptance: Early September

Call for late-breaking abstracts: August 3-24 (8am CT)

Notification of acceptance: Mid-September

PDFs of all final posters due: October 19 (11:59pm CT)

Annual Meeting: November 14-17 (Indianapolis, IN)

Submission of an abstract implies commitment to present at the Annual Meeting (as an oral presentation or scientific poster). **All presenters of accepted abstracts are expected to travel to and register for the Annual Meeting at their own expense.** Please do not submit research if you are not planning to attend the meeting. Abstract submitters are encouraged to review all information below as well as [abstract award information](#) prior to submission.

Call for abstracts

Abstracts from the general call will be considered for scientific poster presentation (on Sunday or Monday of the Annual Meeting or for oral presentation within clinical pathology, diagnostic pathology, experimental disease, industrial and toxicologic pathology, or natural disease Focused Scientific Sessions (on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday).

Abstract submitters who meet specified award qualifications may indicate an interest in being considered for the ACVP Young Investigator Award, ACVP/AAVLD Diagnostic Pathology Travel Award, ACVP Pathology of Wildlife and Zoo Animals Award, or STP Resident and Student Poster Award at the time of submission, or for the Latin Comparative Pathology Group Travel Award by separate application. Abstract presenters must attend the Annual Meeting to be considered for awards.

Call for student abstracts

Current veterinary medicine and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit pathology-related research or case work material in diagnostic pathology, experimental disease, or natural disease, for poster presentation, during the student call. All accepted veterinary medicine student abstracts will be presented as scientific posters on Saturday. A select few student abstracts will also be chosen to present orally during the Sunday Veterinary Student Platform Session. All **veterinary medicine student**

abstracts are considered for ACVP Student Poster Awards and veterinary medicine student submitters may also indicate an interest in being considered for ACVP Pathology of Wildlife and Zoo Animals Award or Society of Toxicologic Pathology Resident and Student Poster Award at time of submission.

Call for late-breaking abstracts

Research that is not ready for submission at the time of the general call may be submitted during the late-breaking call. Abstracts accepted through the later call may only be presented as posters, incur a \$50 fee, and will not be considered for any awards.

Previously published or presented research

ACVP does not recommend presenting abstracts/research that has been previously published or presented at another conference. In situations where a journal article is in preparation at the time of abstract submission, it is recommended that the authors declare that the content of the presentation is based on a forthcoming article.

Focused Scientific Categories

Abstracts are categorized by focused scientific categories designed to represent the full spectrum of science in veterinary pathology. Focused Scientific Sessions provide an opportunity for individuals (members and non-members) to present novel findings at the Annual Meeting in five categories, as oral platform presentations or as scientific posters.

Clinical Pathology

Abstracts in the Clinical Pathology session are focused on clinical pathology diagnostics and clinicopathologic aspects of natural or experimental disease.

Diagnostic Pathology

Abstracts in the Diagnostic Pathology session are intended to be an opportunity for presentation of original work and/or brief pathology case reports. Abstracts submitted to this category are typically reports of classic disease entities, common diseases in an unusual species, or an atypical disease in any one animal. This session also includes brief descriptions of new/contemporary diagnostic tests/methods. The emphasis in this category should be on descriptive, not mechanistic, pathology.

Experimental Disease

Abstracts in the Experimental Disease session include in-depth investigations into the pathophysiology or pathogenesis of experimentally induced disease processes in relevant animal species or in animal models. Submission in this category may include mechanistic pathology of experimentally induced diseases or descriptions of new animal model systems and the comparative pathology of those models.

Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology

Abstracts in the Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology session include descriptions and in-depth investigations into the pathophysiology and pathogenesis of toxins, chemicals, environmental pollutants and xenobiotic agents. Topics can include investigative studies, case reports, regulatory study summaries or studies with laboratory animal models that are relevant to industrial pathology.

Natural Disease

Abstracts in the Natural Disease session include in-depth investigations into the pathology or pathophysiology of naturally occurring or emerging disease processes, detailed case series of a particular process, or naturally occurring disease spectrum in a given population. This session also includes in-depth descriptions of new/contemporary diagnostic testing that would include details on method, validation and optimization in a case series and thus not be suitable for the brief format of the Diagnostic Pathology session.

Abstracts

Abstracts may not exceed 250 words, excluding the title and author names.

Abstracts should be informative, containing

- The study's specific objectives, unless stated in the title
- Brief statements of methods, if pertinent
- Summary of results obtained
- Statement of conclusions (Note: It is not acceptable to state, "Results will be discussed.")

Additional notes about abstracts

- Subsections (Background, Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusion) are recommended but not required.
- All abstracts are considered final once submitted and no corrections to the abstract or author listing may be made after the review period ends. (A reviewer may contact a submitter to suggest edits prior to acceptance.)
- The abstract submitter must obtain agreement from all co-authors to be listed as contributors.
- The abstract submitter will serve as the primary point of contact about the abstract. During submission, one author must be noted as presenter. The submitter may be the submitter or may indicate another author who has agreed to present the abstract if accepted.
- Submitters may request that the abstract be considered for up to two applicable awards at the time of submission.
- Abstracts will be peer reviewed and may be rejected if submission instructions are not followed.
- If accepted, abstracts will be published exactly as submitted.
- ACVP is not responsible for author errors.

Submission of an abstract provides assurance of

- Adherence to the rules and scientific validity of the presentation
- Compliance with all guidelines for experimental procedures as set forth in the Belmont Report or NIH "Guidelines for the Care and Use of Animals," as applicable
- That this work will not be presented in the exact format at another national or international meetings before the ACVP Annual Meeting

Oral presentations

Abstracts submitted during the general call will be considered for 5-to-10-minute oral presentation (depending on category) during Focused Scientific Sessions, Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. These dedicated platform sessions for each focused scientific category include short oral presentations of selected abstracts, and an invited key speaker (with the exception of diagnostic pathology which only features abstract presentations).

A select few student abstracts will also be chosen to present orally during the Sunday Veterinary Student Platform Session.

Platform presenters agree to

- Register for and travel to the Annual Meeting at their own expense
- Bring their presentation in PowerPoint format to the Speaker Ready Room the day before presentation
- Meet in the session room 30 minutes before the published session start time
- Present at the Annual Meeting according to the schedule communicated in the acceptance email
- **Inform ACVP immediately should any issue arise with any of the above**
- Not present images or figures that are not your own, unpublished work unless the presenter has obtained proper permission and the images/figures are properly cited.

Poster presentations

Abstracts from the general call that are accepted for poster presentation will be showcased on Sunday or Monday, depending on focused scientific category. Accepted student abstracts will be presented in poster form on Saturday. Accepted late-breaking abstracts will be presented in poster form on Tuesday.

Posters will be presented in the Exhibit Hall with scheduled times when the authors are expected to be available next to their posters to answer attendee questions about their research.

Poster presenters agree to

- Upload a PDF copy of their final poster by the published deadline, understanding that the document will be used for poster award judging (if applicable) and made available to meeting registrants before, during, and after the Annual Meeting via the mobile app
- Register for and travel to the meeting at their own expense
- Bring their scientific poster with them to the meeting (or print onsite if offered by the conference hotel)
- Present at the Annual Meeting according to the schedule communicated in the acceptance email
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Poster schedule *(tentative for 2026, based on 2025)*

Saturday: Veterinary Students (authors attend 5:30-7pm)

Sunday: Diagnostic Pathology (authors attend 9:45-10:15am and 3-3:30pm)

Monday: Clinical Pathology, Experimental Disease, Industrial and Toxicologic Pathology, and Natural Disease (authors attend 9:45-10:15am and 3-3:30pm)

Tuesday: Late-breaking (author attends 9:45-10:15am and 3-3:30pm)

Posters may be viewed Saturday 5:30-7pm and Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday 7-8am and 9:45am-3:30pm, but authors are only requested to be present at the above-listed author attendance times.

Award winning posters will be displayed electronically from Saturday through Tuesday.

Abstract awards

Annual Meeting abstract awards recognize outstanding veterinary pathology research. Individuals who wish to have their research considered for award recognition must indicate that interest as part of the abstract submission process. Read [about abstract awards](#), including eligibility criteria and focused scientific category for each award, before submitting.