2026 Biennial Meeting of ISSBD Call for Submissions

Submissions will be accepted from **September 1** through **December 1, 2025 (11:59 PM KST).**

1. General Information for Abstract Submission

- **Members and Nonmembers are limited to Two Presenting Roles.**
- **Presenting Roles are:**
    - a. Presenting Author of an Individual Poster
    - b. Presenting Author of a Paper in a Paper Symposium
    - c. Moderator of a Conversation Roundtable
    - d. Panelist in a Conversation Roundtable
    - e. The roles of Chair and Discussant do not count as presenting roles; however, these roles are protected from schedule conflicts.
    - f. Any role in the ISSBD Invited Program Sessions does not count as a presenting role; however, these roles are protected from schedule conflicts.
- **Additional Considerations:**
    1) **IMPORTANT:** If the presenting author of an accepted poster or paper does not complete registration by the specified deadline, the presentation will be removed from the conference program. If the original presenter is unable to attend, another co-author must register in order for the presentation to remain in the program.
    2) Presenting Roles (see guidelines above) are protected from schedule conflicts.
    3) Non-presenting Author roles:
        - are not protected from schedule conflicts.
        - do not count toward the maximum number of 2 presenting roles.
    4) There is no limit to the number of authors for a paper or poster.
    5) Do not submit the same material more than once (e.g., as a poster and as a symposium presentation or as a paper in two symposia).
    6) Submissions must present sufficient data—coded and analyzed, even if not yet complete—to provide a basis for reviewer evaluation.
    7) The data analysis should be completed before the conference to include the final results and conclusion in the presentation.

2. Submission details

Individuals interested in participating in this meeting are invited to **submit a 250-word abstract related to one of the topics** listed below, in the form of either an **individual poster** presentation or a **paper symposium** contribution. All submitted abstracts will undergo a peer-review process.The academic topics are as follows:

    i.   Attention, Learning, Memory
    ii.   Cognitive and Social Cognitive Processes
    iii.   Biological Processes: Neuroscience, Genetics, Psychophysiology, Prenatal Development
    iv.   Developmental Disabilities
    v.   Developmental Psychopathology
    vi.   Culture, Diversity, Equity & Social Justice
    vii.   School and Education Contexts
    viii.   Family Context & Processes, Parent-Child Relationships
    ix.   Health, Growth, Trauma, & Resilience
    x.   Language and Communication
    xi.   Gender and Sexuality in Development
    xii.   Methods, History, and Theory
    xiii.   Perceptual, Sensory, and Motor Development
    xiv.   Prevention, Intervention, and Public Policy
    xv.   Technology, Media & Digital Development
    xvi.   Emotional, Personality, Moral Development
    xvii.   Social relationships

- **Submission Deadline**: December 1st, 2025
- **Modification of Submissions**: Submitted abstracts may be modified within the submission system during the submission period (by December 1st, 2025)
- **No changes can be made after the submission deadline, December 1st, 2025.**
- **Pre-Submission Requirements:** Authors must complete registration on the official submission website. **For Symposium Paper Abstract Submissions:** Each symposium must first be registered in the system by the **Symposium Chair**. Once the symposium has been created, **individual authors** will be able to submit their paper abstracts under the designated symposium.

[Individual Poster]

Posters are individual, free-standing research presentations. They are the appropriate format when material can be explained briefly, is suited for graphic or visual presentation, and/or the presenter would benefit from high levels of interaction and discussion.

Poster Abstract

1. **Abstract Title & Keywords**
   ○ Enter a title for your submission with **no more than 15 words**.
   ○ Use mixed-case letters and appropriate punctuation in your title.
   ○ Enter 5 keywords.
2. **Abstract Body**
   ○ The abstract **should include**
      a. Background
      b. Purpose
      c. Methods
      d. Results
      e. Conclusion
   ○ The word limit is **250 words.**
   ○ **Tables and figures are not allowed.**
3. **Author Information**
   ○ **Enter a full name, affiliation, and email address for each author.** This information establishes a unique identifier for each author, ensuring that submitters receive a decision status notification for the submission.

Presentation Format

- Accepted posters will be presented in a **physical poster session** during the conference.
- Poster size, printing guidelines, and session schedules will be announced after acceptance.

[Paper Symposium]

A paper symposium presents a set of related research papers on a specific topic. It highlights key concepts, connects findings across studies, and ideally includes presenters from different institutions. In this traditional format, the chair opens the session with a brief introduction to the symposium theme, followed by individual presentations (15 minutes each). If a discussant is included, they offer a synthesis and commentary after the presentations. At least 15 minutes must be reserved for audience discussion.

- **Total time allotted to a session: 90 minutes.**

Each symposium should be organized in one of the following formats:

(1) one chair and three or four paper presentations;
(2) two chairs and three or four paper presentations; or
(3) one chair, one discussant, and three paper presentations.

- **For Symposium Paper Abstract Submissions:** Each symposium must first be registered in the system by the **Symposium Chair**. Once the symposium has been created, **individual authors** will be able to submit their paper abstracts under the designated symposium.

*Instructions for Symposium Chairs: Symposium registration and submission of integrative abstract

1. **Symposium Title and Topic**
   - A clear, concise title that reflects the overarching theme.
   - Enter a title for your submission with **no more than 15 words**.
   - Use mixed-case letters and appropriate punctuation in your title.
   - Select a topic and enter 5 keywords.
2. **Symposium Composition**
   - Select the structure of the symposium.
     - Type A: 1 chair + 3-4 papers
     - Type B: 2 chairs + 3-4 papers
     - Type C: 1 chair + 1 discussant + 3 papers
3. **Chair(s) and Discussant (optional) Information**
   - **Enter a full name, affiliation, and email address.** This information establishes a unique identifier for each author, ensuring that submitters receive a decision status notification for the submission.
4. **Integrative Abstract (250 words)**
   - The overall abstract **should include**
     a. A summary describing the symposium's central theme, rationale, and scholarly or practical significance
     b. Description on how the individual papers are conceptually and/or methodologically integrated.
     c. Goals and expected contributions of the symposium

*Instruction for Authors of Symposium Papers

1. **Insert the symposium code received by the symposium chair.**
2. **Abstract Title & Keywords**
   - Enter a title for your submission with **no more than 15 words**.
   - Use mixed-case letters and appropriate punctuation in your title.
   - Enter 5 keywords.
3. **Abstract Body**
   - The abstract **should include**
     a. Backgrounds
     b. Purpose
     c. Methods
     d. Results
     e. Conclusion
   - The word limit is **250 words.**
   - **Tables and figures are not allowed.**

*Questions regarding the submission process? Please contact the ISSBD Program Office at program@issbd2026.org

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