



## ARO 2021 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The ARO Program Committee now welcomes the submission of proposals for Symposia, Workshops, and Young Investigator Symposia for the 2021 MidWinter Meeting. **The submission deadline is June 1, 2020 at 5:00pm Central Standard Time.** Late submissions will not be considered.

[Please read carefully before submitting](#)

### SYMPOSIA SUBMISSION

Symposia are organized as a series of oral presentations on a theme. Preference will be given to proposals that (i) strive for timely syntheses across or within existing disciplines; (ii) explore novel approaches that will expand research in new directions; (iii) include speakers who are first-time ARO speakers, women, and/or speakers from underrepresented minorities. Speakers from outside the usual ARO circle are encouraged insofar as they contribute a novel perspective. Proposals that bridge clinical and basic research are encouraged. Proposals on topics covered by other recent ARO Symposia or Workshops are discouraged (see recent ARO Program books).

Please note the following information regarding time allocations:

- All Symposia have a maximum duration of 2 hours. Individual presentations may be either 15 or 30 minutes. Combinations of 15/30 minute presentations are welcome.

Symposia must include at least one 30-minute presentation. Otherwise, allocation of presentation times are at the discretion of the organizers. Chairs will be asked to allocate speaking times if the symposium is selected for presentation.

### Available Financial Support:

- A maximum of \$3000 is provided to the Chair of each Symposium to distribute to *non-members only* in their session to help offset travel expenses (there is a maximum of \$1,500 per speaker), in addition to waived registration, in the form of reimbursement after the meeting based on receipts submitted.
- Non-member speakers who have had prior membership or registration activity in ARO since 2018 are not eligible (within 3 years of speaking engagement).
- Non-members may receive funding from only one session per meeting.
- If your symposium is accepted, the chair will receive instructions regarding the allocation of travel funds to eligible non-member speakers.
- If you or your speakers are unsure about eligibility for financial support, contact [headquarters@aro.org](mailto:headquarters@aro.org) to verify past participation.

***Please Note:*** As Chair, you are responsible for communicating this policy to any speakers you invite.

All proposals must be submitted through the online submission system. Please [click here](#) to access the submission system. Proposals can be edited until the submission deadline of **June 1, 2020**. Notifications of accepted proposals will go out no later than mid-June. Organizers must provide the following critical pieces of information:

- The overall submission title
- Select a category that is applicable to your submission
- Overall session description at a maximum of 300 words

Each presenter must submit:

- Individual abstract title
- Abstract at a maximum of 100 words.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Executive Office at [headquarters@aro.org](mailto:headquarters@aro.org).