



**SNRS 34th Annual Conference  
Inclusivity in Science to Address Diverse Care Needs  
March 18-20, 2020**

**Sheraton New Orleans  
500 Canal St  
New Orleans, LA 70130**

**Schedule for All Abstract Submissions**

The Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference provides an opportunity for SNRS members to report ongoing and completed research as well as theoretical, conceptual and methodological projects to colleagues.

- **First Call for Research Abstracts**: May 1-29, 2019: SNRS will be accepting submissions for the first call of **Symposia, Podium and Poster**. Students are encouraged to apply.
- **Call for Pre-conference Workshops and Non-Research General Session**: July 9-August 6, 2019: The call for pre-conference workshops and non-research general sessions for the 2020 Annual Conference will open July 9, 2019.
- **Second Call for Research Abstracts**: August 21-September 19, 2019: SNRS will be accepting submissions for the second call of **Student/Latebreaker Posters (no podiums)**. *The Top Student Posters will be selected from the Second Call of abstracts.*

**General Guidelines FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS**, please observe the following:

- 1) **All abstracts** will be submitted through the collection platform **Omnipress, with the exception of pre-conference workshop submissions and non-research general session proposals. (Those will be submitted through Survey Monkey)** If you did **not** submit an abstract for the 2019 annual conference the submitter will need to create a new account. **Please Note: Omnipress** requires a verification email be sent once you have created your account. University firewalls may block this email. Please check your junk mail or use a personal email address. **If you created an account for the 2019 annual conference, you will sign into that account to submit an abstract for the 2020 Annual Conference.**
- 2) **SNRS requires a \$25 submission fee per submission.**
- 3) a) You will pay your submission fee on the Omnipress/Catalyst site before you submit your abstract for **Symposia, Podium & Poster (latebreaker and student)**. To begin the submission process and to pay your submission fee for **Symposia, Podium & Poster (latebreaker and student)** for the current open call please click [here](#).  
b) You will pay your submission fee for the **non-research related general session proposals** on the SNRS website via the online store. Once the submission fee is received, you will receive a link to submit your general session proposal via Survey Monkey. There is

no submission fee for pre-conference workshops. To begin the submission process and pay your submission fee for the non-research general session please click [here](#).

- 4) Abstracts must be submitted by 5 PM (Central time zone) on the posted close date. Individuals who plan to submit an abstract should sign on to the abstract system and create an account, at least 5 business days prior to the deadline to avoid any technical difficulties. The submission site will close promptly at 5 PM CST. If you are in the process of submitting at 5 pm the site will close automatically and your abstract will not be submitted. No extensions or exceptions will be granted.
- 5) If you do experience technical difficulties, please contact Omnipress support. There is a help option on the submission site.
- 6) If you have submission questions, please contact SNRS Associate Account Executive, Jennifer Lanphere at (720) 881.6119/toll free at 877-314-7677 or email: [janphere@kellencompany.com](mailto:janphere@kellencompany.com).
- 7) \*Please note: SNRS reserves the right to disqualify your abstract, even after acceptance, if submission guidelines are not followed.
- 8) **What you need to know as lead (1<sup>st</sup>) author:**
  - a) You will provide your name, institution affiliation, city and state of the institution, and email when you submit your abstract. **SNRS membership is not required to submit an abstract but you must be a member to present if the abstract is accepted.**
  - b) For each additional author(s), you will be asked to provide names, institution affiliation, city and state of the institution, and email.
  - c) All communications regarding the abstract will be sent to the lead author. **The lead author is responsible for communicating all information to additional authors.**
  - d) Text is limited to 2,250 characters **which includes any characters, punctuation and spaces.**
  - e) Title case **only** will be accepted for abstract titles (capitalize the first letter of words other than short conjunctions, articles and prepositions). **Example: This is a Title.**
- 9) **How many abstracts can I submit?**
  - a) Each SNRS member may submit only ONE abstract in each category (podium, poster, symposia) as lead author. Duplicate submissions as first author will not be accepted or reviewed.
  - b) SNRS membership is NOT required at the time of abstract submission; but SNRS membership is REQUIRED at the time of presentation should your abstract be accepted. SNRS membership is not required for co-authors, and there is no limit in the number of submissions for which you may be a co-author.
- 10) **How are abstracts selected?**
  - a) Presentations will be selected on the basis of scientific merit by means of blind review. SNRS reserves the right to pull an abstract, even after acceptance, if the author does not follow the SNRS abstract guidelines. No information from the reviews is made available to the authors.
- 11) **Can I make edits to my abstract after the submission site closes?**
  - a) No, you cannot make any edits to your abstract after the submission site closes. You must enter all information exactly as you wish it to appear in the program. Please include complete information for additional authors, including institution and credentials. Author information will be used for the abstract information listed in the program (onsite and online). Please check your abstract, title and author information carefully before final submission.
- 12) **How will I know if I am accepted?**
  - a) You will receive an e-mail approximately 6-8 weeks after the submission site closes. If selected, the first author will be notified. The first author will need to notify all other

authors on the abstract. Only one author (usually the first author) will present the abstract.

### **13) What do I do if I am accepted?**

- a) Once you are accepted you will have 30 days to accept or decline the invitation to present at the conference. Instructions will accompany the acceptance e-mail.
- b) Please note: The individual who will actually present must register for the annual conference, assume responsibility for his/her own transportation, lodging and annual conference registration fees, have current membership in SNRS, and give permission for duplication of abstracts for inclusion in conference proceedings, the SNRS Abstract Library online, the Sigma Theta Tau International registry and a future issue of Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research (SOJNR).

### **Research Abstracts (Symposia, Podium, and Poster):**

SNRS accepts completed research as well as theoretical, conceptual and methodological projects to colleagues. If research is not complete upon abstract submission, it will be scored lower and may be denied. You can improve this score and may possibly still be accepted if you state such, include a preliminary analysis or proposed plan for analysis, and expectations for conclusions. Study must be complete prior to presentation. Failure to submit a completed study is often the reason for declination.

SNRS does not accept abstracts which are concept analysis, systematic reviews, critical analysis, literature reviews or reviews of any kind. Submissions which do not follow submission guidelines will be disqualified.

### **1) Submitting for Symposia Presentation:**

Symposiums are 4-5 papers, including an overview, from different authors that have a consistent topic/theme with the introductory (overview) paper outlining the theme/framework for all the other papers.

- a. The symposium leader is responsible for organizing the group into a cohort whole and submitting the overview abstract to the abstract submission site (the overview requires a \$25 submission fee).
- b. Each lead abstract author will submit their own individual abstract. **You must have the title of the Symposium before submitting your abstract.**
- c. Text for all abstracts including the overview is limited to 2,250 characters which include any characters, punctuation and spaces.
- d. Title case **only** will be accepted for abstract titles (capitalize the first letter of words other than short conjunctions, articles and prepositions). **Example: This is a Title. Do not bold or italicize your title.**

Symposium presentation abstracts must show evidence that the research (or theoretical/conceptual/methodological work) is complete at the time of abstract submission. Presented research results may not necessarily be the primary endpoint of your research project. It may be a completed subset of the research project. The data must be complete and analyzed at the time of abstract submission.

**All symposium individual paper abstracts must describe completed work at the time of abstract submission. Please note:** If your symposium is declined as a whole, individual abstracts from the symposium could still be accepted as a podium or poster.

### **2) Podium Presentation:**

Podium Presentations are individual papers grouped by Research Interest Group (RIG) **or** Thematic Area with 4 to 5 papers per session. Typically, presenters have 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A. Only one presenter per abstract presents the paper, usually the lead author.

The majority of Podium Presentations are selected from the First Call for Submissions. Students are encouraged to apply for Podium presentation as long as all other criteria listed are met.

Podium (paper) presentation abstracts must show evidence that the research (or theoretical/conceptual/methodological work) is complete at the time of abstract submission. Presented research results may not necessarily be the primary endpoint of your research project. It may be a completed subset of the research project. The data must be complete and analyzed at the time of abstract submission.

### 3) **Poster Presentations:**

- a. **Abstracts may be submitted for either podium or poster presentation.** If your abstract is declined as a podium it could still be accepted as a poster. Listed below are some subsets of posters either assigned or submitted.
- b. One author is required to be present for 1 designated viewing session on one day for a one hour time frame to engage in discussion and Q&A with conference attendees. Poster presentation abstracts may include work in progress and/or preliminary data analysis, though data collection and analysis must be complete at the time of the conference presentation. Only one presenter per abstract presents the poster, usually lead author. Please see the rating and review criteria [here](#).
- c. **SNRS members with new information not submitted in the first abstract call are eligible for this submission.**
- d. **Student Posters:**  
Student poster abstracts may be submitted by students currently enrolled in programs, as well as members who completed the work while a student (in the previous year). Abstracts describing completed research (may be preliminary findings) or methodology abstracts (innovative methodologies) may be submitted. The student must be the first author (presenter) of the abstract, though additional authors may be faculty advisors or others.

All student abstracts are eligible for the Top Student Poster Awards Session. (See Top Student Poster Discussion Session information below)

Accepted student abstracts will be grouped according to Research Interest Groups (RIG) and displayed during the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday poster sessions, or in a poster discussion session (**see poster discussion session information below**) as decided by blind review. Student posters will be displayed along with the other posters. Student are required to be present for a designated viewing session to engage in discussion and Q&A with conference attendees.

**Student presenters must attest that the faculty advisor or designee has read and approved the abstract and upload a faculty form that will be provided by SNRS if the abstract is accepted.**

Please see the rating and review criteria [here](#).

Only one presenter, usually the lead author, per abstract presents the poster. Poster session abstracts may include work in progress and/or preliminary data analysis, though data collection and analysis must be complete at the time of the conference presentation.

e. **Top Student Poster Discussion Session (Second Call only):**

The top 10 student posters (chosen during blind review) will be displayed in a poster discussion session. The poster discussion session will consist of poster displays accompanied by a podium discussion with a 5 slide (max 5 minute) PowerPoint by the author that outlines or replicates the poster only. There will be Q & A for all the posters in the discussion session after all presenters have done their presentations.

If you are chosen for the top student poster discussion session, your poster must be uploaded and sent to SNRS in an electronic format approximately 5 to 6 weeks prior to the conference. Details will be included in your acceptance e-mail.

f. **Late Breaker Poster (Second Call only):**

Late Breaker abstracts allow for presentations of cutting-edge research which was not available at the time of the regular poster submission deadline (1<sup>st</sup> call for abstracts). Accepted Late Breaker abstracts will be grouped according to Research Interest Groups (RIG) and displayed during the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday poster sessions or in a poster discussion session as per decided by blind review (**see poster discussion session information below**).

g. **Poster Discussion Session (Second Call Only):**

**If you submit an abstract for a poster session in the second call it could be chosen for a poster discussion session.**

The poster discussion session will consist of poster displays (max of 10 to a room) accompanied by a podium discussion with a 5 slide (max 5 minute) PowerPoint by the author that outlines or replicates your poster only. There will be Q & A for all the posters in the discussion session after all presenters have given their PP.

Please see the rating and review criteria [here](#).

Only one presenter per abstract presents the poster, usually lead author. Poster discussion session abstracts may include work in progress and/or preliminary data analysis, though data collection and analysis must be complete at the time of the conference presentation.

**4) Preconference Sessions:**

- a. Preconferences provide opportunities in research for SNRS members and doctoral student members. Pre-conference sessions will be held the morning of the first conference day, Wednesday, March 18 (8am-11am) prior to the start of Annual Conference sessions.
- b. Pre-conference sessions will be held only if registration numbers (paid registration, at least 10 paid registrations) meet the budget requirements for the session.
- c. Pre-conference sessions will be held in a workshop format. Work-shop topics may include research designs, methods, dissemination strategies (e.g., publishing) or other topics approved by the Program Committee and Board.

- d. Pre-conference Workshop Speakers will not receive payment for these sessions.
- e. Pre-conference workshop proposals should include:
  - 1. Title
  - 2. Educational objectives
  - 3. Content outline
  - 4. AV requirements
  - 5. Projected number of attendees
- f. Room set-up and AV information: Pre-conference rooms are set up classroom style with tables and chairs for participants to work at. There is a head table with wired mics, at the front of the room, and a podium with a mic, a laptop and a projector.

**5) Non-Research General Session:**

The general session category are individual presentations with various topics that SNRS will group to make up a symposium session of similar topics. **The general session category of research-related issues are individual abstracts submitted to highlight issues in research. Please do not submit research abstracts for general session. If research abstracts are submitted for the general session, they will be automatically declined.**

**Examples that should be submitted include:** research career trajectories, methodological challenges, senior scientist experiences, advice and theory, the process of conducting research in non-academic settings, and the role of nurse scientists in clinical settings. Submissions are welcomed from senior scientists, mid-career scientists, researchers in clinical settings, and members from the Research Interest Groups.

**Please see the rating and review criteria [here](#).**