Medical Student & Resident Abstract Forum
Submission Guidelines

Event Overview: The *ASCO Medical Student & Resident Abstract Forum* is an opportunity for medical students and non-oncology residents to present their research, network with peers, and receive feedback on their presentation skills in an intimate venue.

Presentation Format: Submitting authors of accepted abstracts will be invited for an **In-Person Poster Presentation** on the afternoon of Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the 2025 ASCO Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL – specific time to be determined. During the Forum, presenters will deliver a 5-minute presentation to a rotating panel of judges and attendees. Authors with the highest ranked presentation will receive *Top Presentation* honors from their track.

Submission Deadline: 11:59 PM EST, Monday, January 27, 2025.

Author Eligibility

- The submitting author must currently be enrolled in a medical training program (MD, DO, or international equivalent) or enrolled in a non-oncology residency training program or equivalent internship.
- Residents already enrolled in oncology programs (e.g., Radiation Oncology, etc.) are not eligible.
- Submitting author must currently be an ASCO member or submit an ASCO membership application at the time of abstract submission.
    - If you are not already a member, please visit join.asco.org to create your ASCO account and complete a membership application.
    - ASCO's membership for medical students and residents is *free.*
    - Please email customerservice@asco.org or call (703) 299-0158 or (888) 282-2552 with any questions about your ASCO account.

Abstract Eligibility

- **Only oncology-related abstracts that include multiple patients or cases** (trials, retrospective studies, case series, etc.) **and laboratory studies will be considered for placement.**
- Research abstracts should address scientific questions, detail clinical observations, or contain primary scientific data.
- Abstracts that include only a single patient (i.e. a clinical case study) are not eligible for submission.
- Abstracts and any accompanying submission materials must be submitted in English.
- Research abstracts submitted and/or accepted to the 2025 ASCO Annual Meeting or another 2024/2025 academic conference <u>are eligible</u> to also be submitted to the Abstract Forum

Application Process:

I. **Log-in Using Your ASCO Credentials**
    a. Click "Log-in" in top right corner
    b. Log in with your ASCO credentials
        i. *The submitting author must be an ASCO Member and you must have an ASCO account to initiate an Abstract Forum submission. Please see Author Eligibility section for more information.*
II. **Applicant Information Form**: *This information is populated from your ASCO profile. If you need to make changes to this information, visit profile.asco.org.*
III. **Additional Applicant Details:**
    a. Academic Rank – *If a Resident, indicate your subspeciality*
    b. ASCO Program Affiliation
    c. Track Identification
    d. Involvement in Project
IV. **Upload Abstract:** Abstracts must be submitted using this template and in accordance with the guidelines listed.

V. ***(OPTIONAL) Annual Meeting Research Award (AMRA) Eligibility Form & Application:*** *If you are a Medical Student or Resident who self-identifies as from an underrepresented in medicine (UIM) population in the United States, you are eligible to apply for the Annual Meeting Research Award (AMRA). The AMRA is a $1,500 Annual Meeting travel stipend for UIM residents selected to present at the in-person 2025 Abstract Forum. View more information on the award and eligibility* [here](#)*.*

Submission Process

- **Please visit [ASCO's SurveyMonkey Apply](#) to submit your abstract. Abstracts must be uploaded in English and using [this template](#), also linked in SurveyMonkey Apply.**
- **Only (1) submission will be accepted per author and no changes can be made to your abstract once submitted.**
- **The Abstract Forum is NOT a part of the Annual Meeting's scientific program:** DO NOT contact abstracts@asco.org with questions regarding the Abstract Forum.
  - It is a separate professional development event. It has a separate submission, review, and selection process from the main ASCO Annual Meeting abstract submission process.
  - DO NOT contact abstracts@asco.org with questions regarding the Abstract Forum.
  - To have your abstract considered for placement in the ASCO Annual Meeting's scientific program, you must submit your abstract through a separate platform by January 28, 2025.
  - Please view the [Annual Meeting's Call for Abstracts](#) for more information.

Review & Selection Process

Submissions to the Abstract Forum will be reviewed and scored by a group of ASCO volunteers using the following criteria. Applicants can expect to be notified by March 2025 and notifications will come from professionaldevelopment@asco.org.

Score	Descriptor
5	Work is of *high* quality (student has *clearly* communicated the methods and results) Work is driven by the student (i.e. student is first author) Work is *directly or closely related* to cancer
4	Work is of *high* quality (student has *clearly* communicated the methods and results) Student is a member of the team, not first author Work is *directly or closely related* to cancer
3	Work is of *good* quality (student has *somewhat clearly* communicated the methods and results) Work is driven by the student (i.e. student is first author) Work is *directly or closely related* to cancer
2	Work is of *good* quality (student has *somewhat clearly* communicated the methods and results) Student is a member of the team, not first author Work is *directly or closely related* to cancer
1	Work is of *fair* quality (student has only *partially* communicated the methods and results) <u>OR</u> topic is only *tangentially related* to cancer <u>OR</u> work only includes a *single patient* (i.e. clinical case report)
Reject (0)	Work should not be presented in its current state due to *poor* quality or scientific, ethical, or administrative *concerns.* Recommend that the student revise their abstract and re-submit for a second review.

Application Information Use and Sharing

ASCO and Conquer Cancer may use and process the information submitted through this application form for several purposes, including but not limited to: 1) evaluating the application, 2) communicating with you regarding your application and other opportunities that may be of interest to you, 3) publishing information regarding Conquer Cancer's grants and awards program, including through third party databases, 4) informing Conquer

Cancer's grant making strategies and policies, and 5) for other legitimate purposes in keeping with Conquer Cancer's Privacy Policy and charitable mission. Information submitted through this application form will be kept on secure servers accessible to Conquer Cancer personnel and third parties authorized by Conquer Cancer to perform functions on Conquer Cancer's behalf.

In addition, by submitting an application form to ASCO and Conquer Cancer, the applicant grants ASCO and Conquer Cancer the right to use all application information submitted, outside of the research proposal, for any purpose. The details of research proposals submitted are considered confidential property of the applicant. ASCO and Conquer is permitted to share research proposals with its staff and reviewers, third party contractors, and potential supporters, and will require all to maintain the confidentiality of such proposals.

If an applicant is selected for an award, the applicant grants ASCO and Conquer Cancer permission to deposit grantee information collected in any documents or communications related to the application (including but not limited to investigator name, degree(s), clinical specialty, Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID), institution and institutional information, project title, abstract, grant start date and duration, and grant amount) into the Health Research Alliance (HRA) online database (HRA Analyzer) of privately funded grants, the Dimensions database, or any other similar database.

If an applicant is deemed fundable but ASCO and Conquer Cancer does not have funding available, the applicant grants Conquer Cancer permission to share the full proposal to potential supporters. If you have any questions, concerns, or to request the deletion of your information, please contact professionaldevelopment@asco.org.