

Call for Abstracts

Lab Medicine 2018 – 53rd Annual ACLPS Meeting

Session for Submitted Scientific Papers

Presentation Format

Abstracts from trainees which are accepted for the session for submitted scientific papers will be given as either an oral or poster presentations. Oral presentations are limited to exactly ten minutes with an additional five minutes for discussion and questions from the floor. Company or manufacturer emblems are not permitted in the presentation. Abstracts are welcome from both trainees and faculty members. Submissions from those who have completed training will be presented at the poster session.

Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts

An **electronic version of the completed abstract must be received at the Ex Ordo website (<http://aclps2018.exordo.com/>) by 11:59 PM Eastern Time, **Monday, February 19, 2018****. The submission website will lock down at the appointed hour. The copyright release form must be attached to the submission if publication of the abstract is desired for accepted abstracts. The speakers disclosure form (if required) will be requested subsequently for abstracts that are accepted into the program.

An abstract may be submitted as long as the full paper will not appear in print or in final electronic form by the time of the ACLPS submission deadline. Abstracts submitted to other journals cannot be published in *American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP)*.

Notification to authors

The author designated as the presenter will be notified by **March 30, 2018** as to whether the abstract has been accepted.

Publication of Abstracts

Abstracts accepted for presentation and presented at the annual meeting will be published in the *AJCP* **unless the submitting author requests to not publish the abstract during the submission**.

Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Awards

Eligibility

The purpose of this program is to encourage young investigators to consider a career in academic laboratory medicine.

- Residents, fellows, and doctoral scientists actively training in programs in the health sciences who have participated in research with a member of ACLPS, or who are sponsored by an ACLPS member, are eligible for the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award Program. Individuals holding a faculty appointment, including Instructor, are not eligible to receive a young investigator award, unless they are also still in training (i.e., a clinical Instructor doing a concurrent research fellowship *is* eligible).
- Students in health science programs who have conducted research with an ACLPS member, or who are sponsored by an ACLPS member, may also be considered for the Young Investigator Awards.
- To receive an award, **the young investigator must be the presenter** and must still be in training at the time of presentation at the annual meeting. A sponsoring ACLPS member must verify the eligibility of the young investigator.

Nature of the Awards

The Executive Council of ACLPS establishes the number of awards and the amount of each award to be given annually. The Executive Council has authorized up to 20 awards this year. Up to 2 additional awards may be granted specifically for undergraduate, MD, PhD, or MD/PhD students. Each awardee attends the meeting as a guest of the Academy (costs for registration, banquet, reception, breakfasts and lunches during the annual

meeting are paid by ACLPS), and is reimbursed for travel and lodging expenses up to a maximum of \$750 in accordance with the ACLPS Travel and Reimbursement policy.

Three "Awards with Distinction" will be granted to particularly outstanding submissions. Abstracts that are selected to contend for the Awards with Distinction will be identified during the initial abstract review. The young investigators who are selected will all present their work during the same presentation session at the meeting. Awards with Distinction will be granted in two different content areas: basic scientific discovery and clinical/translational science.

One "Early Bird" Award will be granted to the author of the earliest completed submission that is accepted to the meeting.

Method of Selection

A committee of senior ACLPS members will review and grade each abstract in advance of the meeting. To ensure fairness, all reviewers are blinded to the identity of the authors and the institution where the work was done and do not review papers that originate from their institutions. This blinded peer review process will be the basis for selection of abstracts for awards.

A second committee of senior ACLPS members will attend and judge the Award with Distinction presentations. No judges will have affiliations with the presenters or with their institutions.

Address inquiries about the abstracts or the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Awards Program to:

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