



Belfast



# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS

# WHY SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT?

The APS PharmSci conference provides an excellent opportunity to showcase your research. There are opportunities (>20) for submitted abstracts to be selected as short oral presentations which will really help in promoting your research.

Furthermore, there are prizes for the best posters. These prizes are sponsored by MDPI Pharmaceuticals and are only available for posters where a student is listed as the presenter.

The abstracts will be available in advance of the PharmSci conference for the attendees to browse. There are also dedicated times for poster browsing within the conference agenda. This will maximise the networking opportunities provided by submitting an abstract/poster.

## INSTRUCTIONS

The Presenting Author must submit the abstract. All communications will be sent to the individual who submits the abstract.

The submission will be made via an online portal.

The APS has partnered with the British Journal of Pharmacy so that abstracts can be published following the conference. British Journal of Pharmacy (ISSN 2058-8356) is an online peer-reviewed open access journal offering gold open access with no article processing charges (APCs). The Journal aims to publish original research papers, critical reviews and rapid communications on the latest developments in pharmacy.

The APS encourages publication of abstracts where possible so that research is widely disseminated in an open access format. However, some authors may prefer to NOT publish their abstract after the event and to accommodate those submissions we have two abstract submission options:

1 Select the BJPharm abstract template and submit via their portal. This will be considered as formal submission for participation in APS and will also result in the final abstract being published in the British Journal of Pharmacy in Open Access without any charge.

2 Select the Unpublished abstract template and submit via the APS portal. This will mean that the abstract is visible to those who attend the conference but will not be available after the event.

The structure of the abstract is the same for both submission options, except minor differences in the header and footer.

The following information will be required to submit the abstract:

1 Presenting Author Name.

2 Presenting author's email (note that this email MUST be the same as the one used to register for the conference as the platform uses this information to connect the abstracts/posters to the presenters and will enable interaction with others about your poster).

# 3

Poster title. The posters will be searchable via the titles; make sure that your title contains relevant key words to maximise exposure.

# 4

List of additional authors with their email addresses: this will allow co-authors to be linked to the poster and enable permissions to be sought from all authors prior to publication.

# 5

The focus group that aligns best to the poster. You will be asked to align your research to one of the APS Focus groups; the full list of focus groups can be found here: <https://www.apsgb.co.uk/focus-groups/> If your work does not align to any of the focus groups please select the box “other” and provide 3 keywords to help us identify reviewers for your work.

Note that the abstract will be submitted as a word file where the maximum size is 10MB. Please name the file using your surname, for example Batchelor.pdf. If you are submitting multiple abstracts please use your surname and a number: Surname1.pdf; Surname2.pdf. This helps us to manage the abstracts and ensure that they are uploaded correctly into the virtual platform.

## **REVIEW OF ABSTRACTS**

The conference organising committee together with a pool of experts will review abstracts to ensure that these meet the criteria for the conference. The criteria are outlined below:

- The information must be relevant to the PharmSci audience
- The abstract **MUST** contain data that informs the conclusion
- The abstract must demonstrate a new scientific knowledge and not be solely commercial, or sales orientated

When undertaking review particular attention will be paid to the following:

- Inclusion of data
- Relevance to the PharmSci audience
- Clarity of the overall message of the abstract: The abstract must clearly describe all the methods used and data generated by the research

The decisions made by the Conference Organising Committee will be final.

You will receive any feedback or revisions required by the reviewers by the 30th June 2022.

## **POSTER PRIZES**

There will be prizes for the best posters: these will be judged on clarity, novelty and relevance to the PharmSci audience. The decisions made by the conference organising committee will be final. Note that only posters where a student is the presenting author are eligible for the prizes.

The poster prizes are sponsored by MDPI Pharmaceuticals.

The prizes will be awarded on the evening of 8th September 2022 as part of the conference agenda.

If you have any questions on the abstract submission process, please contact [info@apsgb.co.uk](mailto:info@apsgb.co.uk).