

IBANGS Genes, Brains & Behavior Annual Meeting Symposia Submission Guidelines

The Program Committee invites IBANGS members and non-members to submit proposals.

- Symposium topics can cover any area of neuroscience, genetics, epigenetics, genomics and related -omics fields, molecular biology and behavior, and themes showcasing a range of organisms are particularly welcomed. Symposia emphasizing cross-cutting concepts and approaches that generalize to multiple species are most desirable.
- Symposia will be chosen based on:
 - Scientific quality,
 - Broad appeal to meeting participants,
 - Range of speaker career stages,
 - Consideration of speaker diversity (gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, nationality, and professional seniority etc.)
 - Diversity in geography of speakers
 - In-person presence of most speakers
- Symposia are generally 2 hours in length and include 4 speakers. This year we are encouraging early career trainees to propose symposia led by and consisting of trainees or a mixture of trainees and senior investigators.
- Proposal submissions require you to input:
 - Name, contact info, organization, and position of Chair (and Co-Chair if planned),
 - Symposium Title,
 - Symposium Abstract (see below for recommended content),
 - Name, contact info, organization, position, model/species used, attendance preference for each speaker, (if the Chair plans on being a speaker, please also include their info here)
- Proposal submissions should include an abstract (~500 words) that includes:
 - A paragraph that describes the rationale for the chosen topic (200-300 words)
 - A list of the speakers with a brief description of each talk. For each speaker include:
 - name of speaker,
 - career stage of speaker,
 - unique identifiers of speakers,
 - Draft title of talk,
 - two sentence description of talk (include species / model used)
 - Assurances that all speakers have agreed to participate. (include one sentence at the end of abstract section)

All symposium participants must register. However, the registration fee will be reduced. Travel expenses are not included. Speakers from accepted symposia will each be asked to submit a separate, complete abstract via the online submission portal. Speakers from symposia that were not selected are invited to resubmit their abstract for oral or poster presentation.

Examples of successful symposia from past conferences can be found [here](#).