



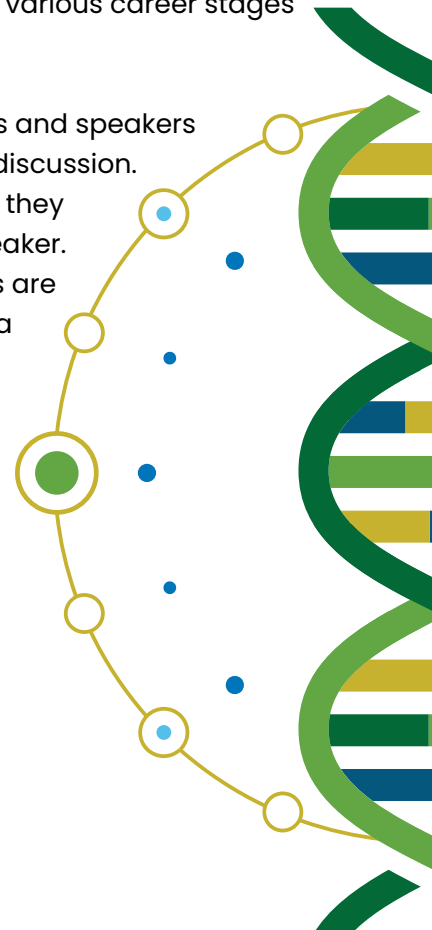
ASHG

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Featured Symposia

Proposal Guidelines and Speaker/Moderator Policies

- Proposals are due on February 10 at 5:00 pm EST. The deadline will not be extended as review begins immediately. Review the [step-by-step instructions](#) before entering the submission site.
- Before submitting a proposal, contact all speakers to ensure their availability as well as to obtain their agreement with [ASHG policies](#) and [submission attestations](#).
- ASHG believes in the importance of diverse representation in speakers and moderators, including gender, ethnicity, career stage, location, and institution. When crafting a session, proposers are required to include diverse speakers who represent a variety of labs and disciplines bringing data and/or perspectives from multiple projects to a shared topic of interest. Panels utilizing creative and engaging formats with voices from various career stages and groups underrepresented in science are encouraged.
- Session participants may not be from the same lab.
- If the session includes a panel discussion, only the accepted moderators and speakers may participate; no additional panelists may be included for the panel discussion.
- There is a limit of two session participants from the same institution and they cannot be two speakers. If there is an overlap, it must be moderator/speaker.
 - Proposals that are proposed, moderated, and presented by trainees are highly encouraged. Each session must have at least one trainee as a moderator and/or speaker.
 - Submissions for featured symposia are not eligible for the ASHG Trainee Research Excellence or Resource Limited Travel Awards.
- Proposers may be asked to make revisions to their proposal during the review period in mid-February through late March. This does not guarantee acceptance.
- **Proposers/Moderators:**
 - The proposer must serve as the session moderator.
 - The proposer/moderator and co-moderator must be current 2025 ASHG members. [Renew or join](#).



- **Speakers:**

- There must be four speakers within a given session.
- It is important to check to make sure a speaker is not being asked to serve in more than one session. Speakers and moderators can only be in one accepted proposal. If you are the moderator and/or speaker in two accepted proposals, a replacement must be found for one of the proposals.
- There is a limit of two non-member speakers per session and only one non-member from outside of North America. Non-member speakers are offered funds to offset travel costs.
- Member speakers include any current members or anyone who was an ASHG member in the past five years (2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, or 2020).
- Non-member speakers include anyone who was not an ASHG member in the past five years.
- All moderators and speakers receive a 25% discount on their registration to recognize their special contribution to the Annual Meeting.
- Accepted featured symposium speakers cannot submit an abstract to the meeting during the June call for abstract submissions.
- Program Committee members are not permitted to speak in or moderate Featured Symposia during their tenure.

Commercial Lab Eligibility

- All interested groups are eligible to submit a Featured Symposium proposal regardless of status as a commercial lab. Moderators and speakers of accepted proposals are required to complete conflict of interest disclosure forms that will be reviewed to determine the session's CME eligibility. If any of the moderators or speakers in a session are considered to have a possible conflict of interest, then the entire session would be ineligible to offer CME credits.
- Proposals should contain novel findings and not be primarily promotional for a product or service. We offer separate paid speaking opportunities (non-CME eligible) for promotional sessions through our Exhibits team, including our popular CoLab sessions in the Exhibit & Poster Hall. Please visit our or reach out to exhibits@ashg.org with questions.

