ACSM Central States Chapter

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Lenexa, KS
#CSACSM27

Call For Symposium, Oral, and Poster Presentations

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Applications are being accepted for symposium speakers, oral presentations, and poster presentations at the 2027 Central States ACSM Annual Meeting, February 18-19, 2027, in Lenexa, Kansas. Please read the instructions that follow for information on the guidelines and submission processes for each presentation type. Note that all submissions are due by Wednesday, November 11, 2026, by 5PM CST.

Presentation Submission Guidelines

1. There is no fee to submit an abstract to the 2027 Central States Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (CSACSM) Annual Meeting.
2. You are only allowed to submit one abstract in which you are the first author (you can be a co-author on other submissions). You must choose one of the following presentation formats:
    a. Symposium (45 min presentation)
        i. New for 2027: Garmin is sponsoring a symposium specifically for research that involves Garmin devices. If you have a symposium submission that involves Garmin devices the Oxford submission form will have a space to indicate that you are interested in being considered for this special symposium session.
    b. Oral (10 min presentation) or Poster (Poster only)
        i. Those who select Oral or Poster will be asked for presentation format preference on the submission form
        ii. Oral or Poster submissions must fit into one of the following categories: 1) experimental trials, 2) observational cross-sectional or longitudinal investigations, 3) clinical case studies, and 4) meta-analytic, systematic, and scoping reviews.
3. You will need to register for an **Oxford Abstracts** account prior to submitting your abstract. You will create this account and submit your abstract using this link: https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/83673/submitter (or by using the link on the CSACSM web page). **NOTE:** Only electronic submissions through **Oxford Abstracts** will be accepted. **Please use your institutional email address, as possible, as this will allow**

CSACSM to most easily communicate with you regarding your submission status.

a. The platform will walk you through all required fields. More information regarding the content you will need for your abstract is provided within the 'Preparing an Abstract' section.

4. FOR STUDENTS: You have the option of being considered for the following two (2) awards: 1) the CSACSM Outstanding Student Research Award and 2) the President's Cup Challenge. *You will be prompted during the submission process to choose whether you wish to be included in either competition.*

    a. CSACSM Outstanding Student Research Award (OSRA)

        i. CSACSM will present 3 awards: Undergraduate, Masters, and PhD.
        ii. All students will be judged solely on their abstract.
        iii. Winners of this award will give an oral presentation at the 2027 CSACSM Annual Meeting.
        iv. Winners will receive a plaque and $750. The monetary award is intended for offsetting costs to attend the National ACSM Annual Meeting. If the winner cannot attend the 2027 National ACSM Annual Meeting, the monetary award will not be given. Notably, **students who cannot be present at the entire 2027 CSACSM Annual Meeting should not apply for this award.**

    b. President's Cup Challenge (PCC)

        i. This competition is open to graduate students only (i.e., masters and doctoral). Due to the growing number of PCC competitors and the time required for on-site judging, PCC finalists will now be selected in advance by the review committee. Top abstracts will be chosen for CSACSM PCC, with finalists announced by Friday, January 15, 2027.
        ii. All students considered for this award will be judged solely on their poster presentations.
        iii. This award is judged based on each student's poster presentation at the 2027 CSACSM Annual Meeting. All PCC participants will be required to present a poster at the 2027 CSACSM Annual Meeting. If your abstract submission was selected for an oral presentation, you will have both an oral and poster presentation. In such a case, the oral presentation would not be part of the evaluation criteria for PCC.
        iv. First place will receive a travel stipend from the National ACSM office and a registration fee waiver for attending the 2027 National ACSM Annual Meeting. Notably, **students who cannot be present at the entire 2027 CSACSM Annual Meeting should not apply for this award. Similarly, if a student cannot commit to attending the 2027 National ACSM Annual Meeting, they should not apply for this award.**

Preparing a Symposium Submission

Symposium abstracts will be submitted via the Oxford Abstracts platform. You will need the following information ready when submitting your abstract:

- Abstract Title (max of 20 words)
- Symposium description (400-word limit)
- 3 Learning Objectives
- Three (3) keywords that **do not** duplicate any words within the abstract's title.
- Full author names and affiliations.

Preparing an Oral or Poster Submission

Abstracts will be submitted via the Oxford Abstracts platform. You will need the following information ready when submitting your abstract:

- Abstract Title (max of 20 words)
- A proofread and finalized abstract split into the following sections: Purpose, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
    - Abstracts have a 400-word limit, with the Oxford Abstracts platform having separate spaces for each of the above-mentioned sections.
        - You will be allowed to upload either one figure **or** one table, **not both**. Please ensure that they are easily readable. The 400-word limitation **will not be reduced** should you choose to add a figure or table. However, please do not use this upload to add further information beyond what is reviewed within the abstract as doing so may constitute grounds for abstract rejection. File size maximum is 10MB. There is no restriction on file type.
    - Please do not use brand names within the abstract.
- Three (3) keywords that **do not** duplicate any words within the abstract's title.
- Full author names and affiliations.

Additional Information for All Submissions

You will also be asked the following during the submission process:

- Whether CSACSM may publish your abstract in electronic media and in hardcopy formats.
- Whether all authors have reviewed and approved the submission.
- Your preferred presentation type: oral, poster, or no preference.
- Your study type: experimental trial, observational cross-sectional or longitudinal investigation, clinical case study, or meta-analytic, systematic, and scoping review.
- Your current status: undergraduate student, masters student, doctoral student, postdoctoral fellow, or professional.
- Your faculty mentor's name and email (if an undergraduate, masters, or doctoral student or postdoctoral fellow)
- Whether your faculty mentor would be willing to be a CSACSM Abstract Reviewer
- Whether you would like to be considered for the Outstanding Student Research Award and/or President's Cup Challenge (if an undergraduate, masters, or doctoral student)

Acceptance of Symposium Submissions

1. Symposium submissions will be compiled by the CSACSM Past-President and forwarded to the Annual Meeting Planning Committee for review. This committee will review the submissions and determine appropriateness for acceptance and make recommendations to the Past-President. Submissions will be judged on the following categories:
    a. The presentation topic and learning goals are scientifically relevant and align with the CSACSM mission statement.
    b. The presentation topic and learning goals contribute to a broad spectrum of innovative topics within the meeting symposia.
    c. The speaker(s) demonstrate an expertise of the information submitted for presentation.
    d. Clarity of the topic and learning goals submitted for presentation.
2. The Past-President will make the final judgement as to the final status (i.e., accept or reject) of the submission.
3. The author(s)/presenter(s) will be notified by email concerning the status of the submission. If accepted, the date/time of the presentation will be included.
4. The submitting author(s) must be the individuals who deliver the symposium presentation.

If you do not receive a notification by 5 PM CST, January 6, 2027, please contact Nicole Moodie (President-Elect) at nicole.moodie@rockhurst.edu.

Acceptance of Oral and Poster Submissions

1. Oral and Poster submissions will be compiled by the CSACSM President-Elect and forwarded to individuals who have volunteered so serve as abstract reviewers. Reviewers will determine appropriateness for acceptance and make recommendations to the President-Elect. Submissions will be judged on the following categories:
    a. **Purpose:** Purpose statements should overview the need for and aims/novelty of the research.
    b. **Methods:** Methods should be well described, robust with respect to the implicit/explicit research question(s), and appropriate for the study's aims.
    c. **Results:** Results should be clear with respect to the methods performed and directly address the aim(s)/research questions(s) of the study.
    d. **Conclusion:** Conclusions should accurately interpret the results and explain the significance of the observations.
    e. **Grammatical and Typographical Quality + Clarity:** Abstracts should be clear, concise, and grammatically correct as well as easy to understand and without typographical errors.
2. The President-Elect will make the final judgement as to the final status (i.e., accept or reject) of the submission and, in isolated cases, may provide authors with the opportunity to correct critiques from reviewer feedback for resubmission to avoid rejection.
3. The lead author will be notified by email concerning the status of the submission. If accepted, the date/time of the presentation will be included.
4. The first author must present the abstract.

5. If you do not receive a notification by 5 PM CST, January 6, 2027, please contact Nicole Moodie (President-Elect) at Nicole.moodie@rockhurst.edu.