

**2024 Bay Area Autism Consortium (BAAC) Annual Symposium
March 1, 2024**

**2024 Guidelines
(EXTENDED) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
January 21, 2024, at 5:00 PM Pacific Time
[Link to Submit Abstract](#)**

Presenter eligibility criteria

- All researchers in the Bay Area
- Research topic is related to autism

Points to consider in preparing your presentation, where appropriate:

- To address scientific rigor, each data presentation should report sample size, and ideally an effect size and power calculation. Appropriate statistical analysis tests and p values should be reported. Preliminary or hypothesis-generating studies are of interest and would be expected to have a smaller sample size but should be explicitly labeled as such.
- Well powered negative studies are of interest.
- The scientific premise of a study must be credible. If the premise of a study is genetic, the evidence must be based on rigorously demonstrated significant findings, such as the Psychiatric Genomics Consortium meta-analyses or meta-analyzed trio studies. Candidate gene studies are not of interest.
- Sex as a biological variable should be considered for both animal and human studies.

Submission Guidelines

The abstract should contain the essential background, the new scientific information to be presented, and the possible significance of the results. The BAAC uses a structured abstract with 4 parts: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. Only abstracts submitted in this structure will be reviewed.

There is a limit of 4700 characters for the abstract and an additional 200 characters for the title. The limits do not include spaces.

Abstracts must be submitted by the author (or co-author) or the author's assistant. Submissions by any third party are prohibited.

The BAAC requires investigators to affirm that all experimental protocols in animal studies were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and were conducted in accordance with the National Institutes of Health Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, or by the applicable requirements of the investigator's institution.

The BAAC requires all clinical trials to be registered in a public registry prior to submission.
All materials submitted for presentation at the 2024 BAAC Annual Symposium should be original.

Presenting authors must be registered for the Annual Symposium for an abstract to be reviewed. Register [HERE](#). The abstract must be received by the Executive Office no later than Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 5:00pm pacific time (extended deadline). Once the abstracts are reviewed, those accepted for oral presentations will only be scheduled for presentation.

Abstract Reviews

The Program Committee will review abstracts on the following criteria:

- Abstracts should contain original data (Abstracts lacking original data will not be accepted).
- Presentations should not be of a commercial or promotional nature.