

Dear AAPA Family & Colleagues,

We are excited to release the Call for Proposals for the 2021 AAPA Convention (Oct. 1-3)! We will be accepting a limited number of proposals for interactive sessions, difficult dialogues, symposia, and posters. The submission deadline is **May 31st, 2021 at 11:59 pm PST.**

### **IMPORTANT - READ:**

In light of our theme, ***Expanding Our Banyan Tree: Unity, Inclusivity, and Intersectionality in Scholarship***, we are seeking proposals that highlight specific issues challenging Asian-identified communities as well as our relationship to issues impacting other racial and ethnic minorities. We are also seeking proposals that draw attention to underrepresented and multiple intersecting identities across such groups. In addition, we are interested in submissions that focus on collaborative projects (both nationally and internationally), interdisciplinary scholarship, multicultural perspective, cross-cultural psychology, and other works that further social justice movements, especially in light of the rise in Anti-Asian violence. We encourage submissions from researchers, community leaders and activists, mental health providers, and educators who work with underrepresented communities. Moreover, we welcome submissions from professionals and scholars in allied fields (e.g., Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Communication, Education, History, Law, Nursing, Political Science, Public Health, Psychiatry, Social Work, Sociology, and Counselor Education) with whom we collaborate and whose work informs Asian American mental health.

***\*\*Proposals that address the convention theme will be prioritized.\*\****

### **Who May Submit**

Individuals (AAPA members and non-members) at all levels of training (professional, graduate level, and undergraduate level), including non-psychologists interested in mental health issues affecting AAPIs are encouraged to submit proposals. We particularly encourage submissions from those interested in AAPI mental health who have not previously participated in AAPA conventions. Because strengthening the diversity of our colleagues in other organizations is of particular importance for psychologists of color, we ***strongly encourage*** submissions from members of other allied organizations, including but not limited to, the Association of Black Psychologists,

Society of Indian Psychologists, and the National Latina/o Psychological Association, as well as other allied organizations such as but are not limited to Association of Women in Psychology, Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity, Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology, and the Gerontological Society of America.

While there is no limit to the total number of submitted proposals per person, individuals can only be the first author of **one** proposal submission. In the event that multiple first author submissions are received from an individual, the committee will review only the first proposal received. Exempted from this rule are presenters who are invited speakers.

- The current deadline for all **virtual** sessions will be **May 31st, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. PST (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**
- All presenters are required to officially register for the convention at a later date.

### **Types of Submissions**

- *Difficult Dialogues/Interactive Sessions* (90 minutes): A facilitator engages participants in a meaningful dialogue about issues that are difficult to discuss in everyday conversations. Proposal submissions must delineate how facilitators will establish and manage a safe space that promotes respectful expression of opposing views and provides an environment in which differing perspectives are defended, heard, and considered by participants who hold conflicting cultural values and ideas. For questions about submitting a difficult dialogue session proposal, please contact Sessions at [convention.sessions@aapaonline.org](mailto:convention.sessions@aapaonline.org).
- *Symposia* (90 minutes): Three or four presentations are given around a common theme. An expert discussant may provide feedback. The symposium proposal submission must include one program summary that integrates the multiple presentations within the session. It must also clearly indicate the titles and contents of each presentation within the symposium. A chair for the symposium must be named on the application portal. No individual paper proposals for symposium presentations are accepted. For questions, please contact Sessions at [convention.sessions@aapaonline.org](mailto:convention.sessions@aapaonline.org).
- *Posters*: Posters are displayed to disseminate information on various conceptual and/or empirical reports. During the poster session, participants are invited to interact with poster presenters. Single research papers should be submitted as posters. Keep in mind that posters connected to the theme will be prioritized. For questions, please contact Sessions & Posters at [convention.sessions@aapaonline.org](mailto:convention.sessions@aapaonline.org).

## **Guidelines for Proposals**

- All online proposals will need to include:
  - **Contact information for each presenter**
  - **Abstract (500 to 700 words) with no author names**
  - **Program Summary (50 to 100 words) with no author names**
  - **3-4 Learning Objectives (not required for poster submissions)**
- Proposals will be sent for anonymous reviews. As such, the Abstract and Program Summary should *not* include identifying information of the author(s) and/or presenter(s).
- Submitters will be notified by email upon receipt of their proposal.
- For submissions that may be eligible to award Continuing Education units (CEs), individual authors will be contacted to provide additional information.
- Submission outcomes will be sent via email **by June 25th, 2021**.

## **Proposal Rating Criteria**

Proposals will be rated based on the following criteria:

- Relationship to the convention theme
- Relevance/timeliness of the topic
- Membership appeal
- Innovation and creativity
- Scientific/empirical soundness (for research symposia and posters)
- Adequacy of strategy for involving audience (for interactive sessions and difficult dialogues)
- Contribution to the field

## **Abstract Submission Instructions:**

Submit your abstracts to the following link:

<https://forms.gle/pqphSGRcsCBpHm9FA>

**Additional Information**

Please let us know if you need additional help with technology. All presentations (posters and sessions) will be conducted via Zoom. If your proposal is selected, you will be provided further instructions.

Sincerely,

Sessions & Poster Committee

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