



Call for Abstracts
20th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research (ACVR)
April 24-26, 2017
Bethesda, MD

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) invites abstract submissions of original research in the areas of: adjuvants; epidemiology and burden of disease; new and emerging vaccines; preclinical and clinical trials; vaccine production and delivery; and vaccine safety. Abstracts are peer-reviewed for quality of research, educational or scientific content, and overall impact. Accepted abstracts are scheduled as either poster or oral presentations based on quality of work and anticipated interest.

How to Submit:

All abstracts must be submitted electronically through the ACVR [online submission site](http://bit.ly/2017ACVRabstracts) (<http://bit.ly/2017ACVRabstracts>). All users will be required to create an account. You may begin the submission process and return to your saved proposal any time up until the submission deadline. Abstracts submitted by email, fax, or mail will not be accepted.

Schedule:

September 2016	Call for Abstracts submission site opens
December 2016	Abstract submission deadline (11:59 PM EST). No extensions will be granted.
January 2017	Acceptance/Rejection notifications issued for all submitted abstracts
April 2017	Maurice R. Hilleman Early-Stage Career Investigator Award finalist notification
April 24-26, 2017	20 th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Bethesda, MD

Categories for Abstract Submission:

The submitting author must select the most appropriate subject category and scope of practice from the list below. The ACVR Planning Committee reserves the right to change the category to more appropriately reflect the abstract content.

- Adjuvants
- Epidemiology and Burden of Disease
- New and Emerging Vaccines
- Preclinical and Clinical Trials
- Vaccine Production and Delivery
- Vaccine Safety

Abstract Format:

All abstracts must be submitted in English and reflect original work. The data may have been published or presented at another scientific meeting and inclusion of updated information based on additional data generated and/or analyzed since a prior presentation is encouraged. Multiple submissions of the same abstract will automatically be rejected.

Abstracts must contain the following components:

- **Abstract Title:** (75 word limit)
 - Use a concise title that summarizes the content
 - Capitalize the first letter of each word, except for prepositions, articles, and species names
 - Italicize all specific names of microorganisms and scientific organism names
 - **DO NOT** use any of the following formats for the abstract title
 - **Bold**
 - all lower case
 - ALL UPPER CASE
 - *All Italics*
 - “Quotes around your abstract title”
- **Background:** (150 word limit) a concise statement of the issue under investigation or a hypothesis
- **Methods:** (200 word limit) the experimental methods used (including the statistical analyses employed)
- **Results & Conclusions:** (270 word limit) a summary of specific findings and results (statistical analyses used to support the conclusions should be included; concluding statements such as “the results will be discussed” or “to be completed” are not acceptable)
- **Author(s):** (limit of 15 authors) The abstract submitter should note the First Author, Presenting Author (individual who will be presenting the research at the conference if accepted), and any co-authors of the work. Note that the full contact information and CVs will be requested for all authors. The system allows you to send an email to each of the authors for them to complete this information directly.
- **Disclosures:** NFID requires all presenters and reviewers to disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest in any amount, occurring within the past 12 months that could create a conflict of interest. Disclosure information is reviewed in advance to manage and resolve any real or perceived conflict of interest that may affect the balance and scientific integrity of an educational presentation.
- **Learning Objective:** You are **required** to submit at least one learning objective. Sample learning objectives are available at: www.nfid.org/professional-education/presenter-resources.
- **References:** You are **required** to submit at least one literature reference/citation to support your research/data (two are preferred.) Use the conventional style for listing references as referred by the American Medical Association (AMA) Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors. Sample references are available at:
<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/public/instructionsForAuthors.aspx#References>.

Selection:

All abstract submissions will be reviewed by members of the ACVR Planning Committee for scientific merit and relevance to the field of vaccine research. Abstract submissions are reviewed for the following: a clearly stated hypothesis or issue; experimental and statistical methods used; specific findings (statements such as “the data will be presented,” are unacceptable); and specific conclusions (statements such as “the results will be discussed,” are unacceptable). Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to present their work in a 10 minute oral presentation or as a poster presentation.

Poster and Oral Presenter Information:

Detailed information for preparing oral and/or poster presentations will be provided upon abstract acceptance. Oral presentations will be allotted a maximum of 10 minutes followed by 5 minutes for questions from the audience. Poster presentations will be displayed on standard poster boards, measuring 4 feet high by 8 feet wide (1.22 meters high by 2.44 meters wide), so the poster should be no wider than 6 feet (1.83 meters wide).

Registration & Attendance:

All abstract presenters must register for the conference and pay the appropriate registration fee by no later than **March 13, 2017** or their abstract will be withdrawn from the program. Presenters who fail to appear at the conference at the specified time(s) will forfeit their registration fee and any future abstract submissions will be automatically disqualified from consideration for two years. No support for travel costs or registration fees is available.

Abstract Publication:

All abstracts will be published in the onsite program book. Select presentations may be included in future publications with author permission.

Awards:

Maurice R. Hilleman Early-Stage Career Investigator Award (<http://www.nfid.org/awards/hilleman-award>)

The Maurice R. Hilleman Early-Stage Career Investigator Award recognizes individuals in the early stages of their careers in any field of vaccinology. The awardee's institution will receive \$10,000 to support his/her research and will be recognized during the NFID luncheon at the 2017 conference and will present a 10 minute summary of his/her research. In addition, the awardee will receive a travel stipend and complimentary registration for the 21st Annual Conference on Vaccine Research (2018).

To apply for award consideration, applicants must:

1. At the time of submission, be currently enrolled, recently completed training (e.g., internship, residency, fellowship, postdoctoral training, or similar educational program), or be within four years of having earned their advanced degree (masters or doctoral) at the time of submission; and
2. Submit their abstract under the poster only or poster or oral abstract submission categories. Finalists will be awarded a poster presentation slot at the conference. Following additional judging onsite, the winner will be announced and will present a 10 minute summary of their research during the conference.
3. Note that the award is funded in part by Merck & Co., Inc. and be in a position to accept funding. Merck is required to report any direct/indirect funding in accordance with the Sunshine Act. Award winners of the Maurice R. Hilleman Early-Stage Career Investigator Award will be included in all mandatory reporting. All publications under the award must explicitly state that the awardees' work has been performed as a Maurice R. Hilleman Early-Stage Career Investigator Award recipient. Acknowledgement must also be given to NFID and Merck as the sponsors supporting the award.

