



## Young Investigator Award Submission Instructions

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract to ACC.26. Please read the following instructions carefully. **Section 1** walks you through the submission process on the portal. **Section 2** has important information for you after your submission is complete.

### SECTION 1: SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT ON THE ACC PORTAL

You can begin your abstract submission by [visiting the ACC.26 site](#) and clicking on the “Submit Now” button on the page. **All submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, Aug. 25, 2025.**

The submitting author’s name must be the author who will present the abstract as a YIA Finalist, if selected. A notification of acceptance will be sent to this person.

*To submit an abstract, you must have an ACC account. If you do not have an ACC account, you can create one for free using the [“Create Free Account”](#) link after you click the “Submit Your Science” button.*

#### Tab 1: Title

- Abstract titles will be in all CAPS. The system will automatically convert all letters to caps after you click the “Save and Continue” button.
- Do **NOT**:
  - Bold, italicize, underline, superscript or subscript any items in the title.
  - Include authors or institutions in the title. If you do, they will be removed.
  - Use the “Enter” button in your title. This action will add hard returns, which are not allowed.
  - Use abbreviations unless they are commonly known.
  - End the title with a period.
  - Use a comma before “and” in a series.
  - Use quotation marks in a title.
- DO:
  - Use a comma for number 1,000 and above.
  - Substitute a colon for a dash/hyphen except when using prefixes.
  - Hyphenate the first prefix word when there is more than one prefix word used.

#### Tab 2: Category

Submit your abstract to one of the categories below, based on its area of research.

There may not be a “single best category” for your work. Do not be overly concerned if you are unsure; just use your best judgment. The YIA Committee may move the submission to a different category after reviewing if it is better suited to another group.

**Basic and Translational Science**

The primary objectives of submissions to this category should relate to molecular or physiologic mechanisms of disease or treatment. This category includes studies that utilize human tissue or animal models to address mechanisms of disease or mechanisms of action of therapies, as well as basic studies examining fundamental aspects of molecular and cellular regulation. Human studies using molecular physiologic or biochemical approaches that focus on the interface between basic and clinical aspects of cardiovascular disease should also be submitted here.

**Clinical Investigations**

The primary objectives of submissions to this category should be applicable to clinical medicine in patients. Studies suitable to this category include a broad range of approaches such as observational cohort studies, biomarker studies, imaging studies or small clinical trials, with study endpoints that may range from clinical outcomes to in-vivo physiologic assessments.

**Outcomes Research**

The primary objectives of submissions to this category should address topics relevant to health outcomes, health service research, quality of care, population health or epidemiology. This includes research that results in innovative healthcare delivery, the value of new or repurposed system/clinical practices, cost effectiveness and population genetics/genetic epidemiology.

**Tab 3: YIA Information Requirements**

The research being submitted must be accepted by the Chief of Service or Laboratory in which the work was done. It is the responsibility of the Chief of Service or Laboratory to attest that the Young Investigator played a major role in the investigation and should indicate the willingness of the Chief to have this material presented in the competition. You will be asked to attest that the Chief of Service or Laboratory has read/been made aware of this and approves your participation in the YIA Competition, based on the research done under their supervision.

Additionally, you must provide:

- Chief of Service or Laboratory Name
- Institution
- Street Address
- City, State, Zip Code
- Country
- Chief of Service or Laboratory Phone Number
- Chief of Service or Laboratory Email Address



#### Tab 4: Abstract

##### Body/Text:

- Abstracts **MUST** conform to specific size limits, or they will remain in an incomplete status and will not be reviewed.
- Your abstract may not contain more than 1,900 characters, **not including spaces**. A graphic, table or image equals 600 characters and is included as part of the 1,900-character limit.
- You may type the body of the abstract directly into the space provided for the abstract body. Upload graphics or images separately. If you paste text from another document (like a Word document), please paste as plain text.
- Do NOT place hard returns at the end of each line.
- You may use five unique abbreviations in the body of the abstract. Spell out the complete phrase followed by the abbreviation in parentheses the first time the abbreviation is used. Only commonly known abbreviations are allowed in the title of the abstract.
- Do not include the title in the abstract body. The title will be collected on the Title tab.
- Do not include authors and institutions in the abstract body. This data will be collected on the Author tab.
- The abstract must be presented in the following sequence, using the headings listed:
  - **Background:** In an initial paragraph, provide relevant information regarding the background and purpose of the study, preferably in no more than one or two sentences.
  - **Methods:** Briefly state the methods used.
  - **Results:** Summarize the results in sufficient detail to support the conclusions.
  - **Conclusion:** State the conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state “the results will be discussed.”
- Please proofread carefully for factual, spelling, and size errors. If accepted, the abstract will be published exactly as it appears on the online submission system confirmation page.

##### Adding An Image to Your Submission:

- On the **Abstract** tab, you can upload a picture, table and/or graph as an image.
- Each image must be saved as file type of “gif” or “jpeg.” Even though the submission system may allow you to upload a graphic with a different file type, those graphics will not be reviewed or reproduced if the abstract is selected.
- **Each image equals 600 characters and is included as part of the 1,900-character limit.**

Please keep in mind that large and/or complex graphics may not be readable in print or electronic formats.

**Tab 5: Education and Post-graduate Training**

- Enter your Education and Post-graduate Training directly in the fields provided by clicking on the “Enter Education and Post-graduate Training Text link at the bottom of the page.

**Tab 6: Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

- Upload a PDF of your most current Curriculum Vitae (CV).

**Tab 7: Author**

**Important: The submitting Author must be listed first and will be considered the YIA Finalist, if the abstract is selected.**

- Up to 25 authors can be listed as part of an author block, including the submitter and the group name of an investigating team.
- To add an author to your author block, please try looking up the person by LAST NAME and/or EMAIL in the ACC database by using the “Add Author” link on the **Author** tab. There are additional instructions and helpful hints on finding your co-authors in our database on the portal.
- Use the author group field only for the name of an investigating team. This is typically something like “Investigators for Heart Health.” Do not use the author group to list individual authors.
- The author order is the order that authors will be listed in meeting materials if the abstract is selected for presentation.
- If you have a question or need support email [awards@acc.org](mailto:awards@acc.org).

**Tab 8: Institution Information/Lead Investigator**

- Up to two institutions will be printed in your author block. These institutions are entered into the portal using the **Institution Information** tab.
- Please select yourself as the abstract submitter and YIA Competition entrant. If the research was primarily or equally completed through another institution they may be included in the “Responsible Institution 2” section.

**Tab 9: Personal Statement**

Enter a personal statement of no more than 3200 characters (approx. 500 words including spaces) outlining how being a YIA Competition finalist would further your career objectives and goals.



### Tab 10: Review My Work/When Is A Submission Considered Complete?

- A submission is complete and ready for submission when, in the **Review My Work** tab, you see the words “This submission is complete and will be sent to review.”
- It is only submitted to reviewers after the deadline date. You may update or make changes to your submission/abstract up until **11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, August 25, 2025.**
- The date your submission was last edited may be found in the **Review My Work** tab next to the words “Current Date/Time.” This will change each time there has been an alteration.
- From the **Review My Work** page, you can send yourself a confirmation of your submission and print a completed version of your submission.

## SECTION 2: IMPORTANT INFORMATION AFTER YOUR SUBMISSION IS COMPLETE

### Revising Your Submission

- Revisions to your submission can be made until **11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, August 25, 2025.**
- No changes will be accepted after this date, including, but not limited to, correcting typographical errors, adding or deleting authors, or uploading new charts.
- If any changes are made prior to the deadline, you must select “Review My Work” from the menu on the left.
- Make certain that you see the words “This submission is complete and will be sent to review.”

### Disposition/Notification of Acceptance

- The submitting author will be emailed a notification with the status of the submission on **Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025.**

### Withdrawals

- To withdraw an abstract submission, written notification must be sent to [awards@acc.org](mailto:awards@acc.org). This notification must include the title, authors, name and email of the submitter. We recommend using the summary page from your submission as part of this notification.
- **If you do not want your abstract to appear in publication, you must notify [awards@acc.org](mailto:awards@acc.org) by Monday, Jan. 5, 2025.** After this date, we cannot remove the abstract from the JACC publication.