



## Young Investigator Award Submission Instructions

Thank you for your interest in submitting a Young Investigator Award (“YIA”) abstract to ACC.27-WCC. Please read the following instructions carefully.

**Section 1** walks you through the submission process on the portal.

**Section 2** contains important information for you once your submission is complete.

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

Begin your abstract submission by [visiting the ACC.27-WCC site](#) and clicking “Submit Your Science”. Submissions are due by 1 p.m. ET on Friday, Aug. 14, 2026.

To submit an abstract, you must have an ACC account. If you do not have an account, you can [create one for free](#).

#### 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, based on its area of research. There may not be a single best category for your work; therefore, make your best judgment. The YIA Committee will move the submission to a different category 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 to be reviewed. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
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- Limit: **1,900 characters** (excluding spaces). Each graphic or image counts as **600 characters** toward this limit.
- Type your abstract directly into the provided text boxes. Upload graphics/images separately. If you are pasting text, paste as **plain text** only.
- **Do not** insert hard returns at the end of lines.
- You may use up to **five (5) unique abbreviations**. Spell out the term with the abbreviation in parentheses on first use.
- **Do not** include the title, authors, or institution in the abstract body. These are entered separately.
- Use the following structure with headings:
  - **Background:** One to two sentences on the purpose of the study.
  - **Methods:** Briefly describe the methods used.
  - **Results:** Key findings with enough detail to support conclusions.
  - **Conclusion:** State conclusions reached. Avoid vague phrases like “results will be discussed.”
- **Proofread carefully. Accepted abstracts will be published exactly as submitted.**

#### Adding An Image to Your Submission:

- On the Abstract Tab, you can upload a picture or graphic.



- Accepted file types: .jpeg only. Other formats may be uploaded but will not be reviewed or published.
- **Each image counts as 600 characters and is included as part of the 1,900-character limit.**
- Avoid large or complex graphics, as they may not display clearly.

### 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 current Curriculum Vitae (“CV”).

### Tab 7: Author Information

- You may list up to **25 authors**, including the submitter and any group name (e.g., “Heart Investigators”).
- To add an author, use the **“Add Author”** link and search by **last name** and/or **email** in the ACC database. **Note that all authors must have an ACC account to be added to the author block.**
- Use the **Author Group** field only for team names – not individual authors.
- The author order is the order that authors will be listed in meeting materials if the abstract is selected for presentation.
- The selected “presenting author” is considered the YIA applicant.

### Tab 8: Institution Information with YIA Applicant/Presenter Selection

- You may list up to two institutions in your author block. These institutions are entered into the portal using the **Institution Information** tab.
- Select the YIA Applicant/Presenter from the drop-down field.

### Tab 9: Personal Statement

Enter a personal statement (up to 3,200 characters; approx. 500 words including spaces) outlining how being a YIA Competition Finalist would further your career objectives and goals.

### Tab 10: Review and Submission Completion

- A submission is complete when the **Review My Work** tab displays: “This submission is complete and will be sent to review.”
- Submissions are sent to reviewers after the deadline. You may edit your abstract until **1 p.m. ET on Friday, Aug. 14, 2026.**
- From the **Review My Work** page, you can also send yourself a confirmation email and print a final version of your submission.
- 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.

## SECTION 2: AFTER YOUR SUBMISSION IS COMPLETE

### Revising Your Submission

- You may revise your abstract until **1 p.m. ET on Friday, Aug. 14, 2026.**
- No changes will be accepted after the deadline—including edits to the text, authors, or uploaded files.
- After making changes, go to the **Review My Work** tab to confirm completion.



- Ensure the following is displayed: **“This submission is complete and will be sent to review.”**

### Notification of Acceptance

- The **presenting author** is considered the YIA applicant will be emailed a notification with the status of the submission on **Monday, Sept. 28, 2026.**

### Withdrawal

- To withdraw an abstract submission, send written notice to [awards@acc.org](mailto:awards@acc.org). Be sure to include the abstract title and control number. *Tip: Use the summary page to assist with this.*
- To prevent your abstract from appearing in *JACC*, notify [awards@acc.org](mailto:awards@acc.org) by **Monday, Jan. 11, 2027**. After this date, removal is not possible.