



NAFAPA 2016 Call for Abstracts
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
September 21-23, 2016

Symposium Theme for 2016: Revisiting our Research Assumptions 20 Years On: The Role of Interdisciplinarity

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Opens:	January 15, 2016
Abstract Submission Deadline:	April 1, 2016
Abstract Notification:	June 1, 2016
Early Bird Registration Ends:	June 15, 2016
Online Registration Ends:	September 14, 2016
Conference Begins:	Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Note: On-site registration will be available September 21 at the University of Alberta at the regular registration rates for faculty and students.

Procedures and Deadlines for Abstract Submissions

The deadline for abstract submission is April 1, 2016. Abstracts will then be reviewed and authors should be notified of the status of their abstract submission around June 1, 2016.

Abstracts are encouraged for research presentations in a verbal format of 12 minutes with 3 minutes for questions, and poster format.

Verbal and poster presentation abstracts are limited to 300 words (text only). The abstract narrative in the online submission form is structured according to the following: introduction, methods, results/findings, and implications/conclusions. Your abstract narrative should include the research question(s), significance of the study, description of the sample, major procedures, data analysis, and results. Based on your results, try to offer what you believe would be the next or most important question(s) to be studied. Place this within the section on conclusions. Acknowledgement of research support is optional (see online abstract template for a research presentation).

Authors submitting research abstracts will be required to select their preferred presentation format (verbal or poster), or select the option of either format to provide the symposium organizers with maximum flexibility in scheduling. The scientific committee will make every effort to meet your selection preference but it is important to realize that not everyone can make a verbal presentation. We will try hard to organize presentations that are related into the same session.

The Scientific Committee is also seeking a limited number of 40 minute building sessions on topics of importance in research and clinical practice. Building sessions can include 2 to 4 speakers. The building session format will be a maximum of 20 minutes of prepared material and 20 minutes for open discussion of the issues presented. A strong rationale for the significance of the building session topic is required for selection (see online abstract template for a building session).

We will also be accepting “Work-in-Preparation” abstracts from graduate students to propose research plans currently in preparation including their thesis, dissertation, or other research project. This format is intended to assist graduate students in developing quality research proposals and creating a forum for constructive feedback. Projects that have already initiated data collection are discouraged. Proposals will be a 10 minute verbal presentation with 5 minutes for questions/feedback. The abstract should provide background on the research topic, the significance and purpose of the study, and methodology for the proposed study (see online abstract template for graduate student proposals).

All abstracts should be submitted using the online forms available on the website. If you have any questions or concerns about the submission of your abstract, please send an inquiry to NAFAPA2016@ualberta.ca.