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The science presented at AACR Annual Meeting 2026 spans the entire spectrum of cancer research, prevention, etiology, and treatment of the 200+ diseases we call cancer. The cover depicts this year's theme, "Precision • Partnership • Purpose: Advancing Cancer Science to Save Lives Globally."

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WELCOME



DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE AACR,

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research® (AACR), which will take place on April 17-22, 2026, in San Diego, California.

The theme of the meeting is “Precision • Partnership • Purpose: Advancing Cancer Science to Save Lives Globally.” Cancer is a global scourge, and making progress against it requires a significant global effort. The AACR is an international organization, with 60,000 members in 143 countries and territories. The AACR Annual Meeting is an international assembly, with more than 22,000 scientists, clinicians, other health care professionals, cancer survivors, and patient advocates from more than 80 countries expected to attend. We encourage our colleagues from around the world to join us in San Diego to foster new connections, spark new collaborations, and open new frontiers in cancer research for exploration.

The Program Committee Cochairs have been working hard to develop an outstanding program that features speakers from the global cancer community who will present the latest advances in cancer science and medicine. We are deeply grateful to all the members of the Program Committee for their dedication and expertise and look forward to sharing the results of their efforts in April.

Daily plenary sessions will showcase groundbreaking approaches to key scientific and clinical challenges. Topics include emerging biological insights and clinical application of minimal residual disease (MRD) in solid tumors; innovative treatment modalities with the potential to establish new treatment paradigms; investigations into the rising incidence of cancer among young adults; and the transformative impact of AI on cancer research and clinical

care, among others. In addition, a special Presidential Select Symposium will highlight precision-based prevention.

The program will also place a greater emphasis on organ sites, with an increased number of sessions featuring specific cancer types. In addition, a new session type on Advances in Survivorship Research will spotlight recent progress in improving clinical care and quality of life for cancer survivors. And throughout the program, an international panel of experts will present the latest discoveries from across the continuum of basic, translational, clinical, and population sciences, as well as regulatory science and public policy.

The robust scientific program will be preceded by a comprehensive slate of educational sessions and methods workshops. This educational program, which will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, and run through Saturday, April 18, will present state-of-the-art concepts and technologies across a broad range of areas by leaders in their fields. Please keep the educational program in mind when registering and making your travel plans.

In addition to disseminating the latest discoveries in cancer research, the AACR is committed to the education, training, and professional advancement of early-career investigators. The Annual Meeting program reflects this commitment, with a wide range of career development sessions and opportunities—including the AACR NextGen Stars program which offers early-career and early-stage scientists the opportunity to apply for oral presentation slots at the meeting. AACR Associate Members, as well as Active Members at the assistant professor level or equivalent, are encouraged to submit an application and

an extended abstract to the NextGen Stars program by September 30, 2025.

The meeting will also feature more than 6,000 presentation slots to accommodate proffered papers. Meritorious proffered papers will receive consideration for oral presentation in Minisymposia. We encourage you and your colleagues to submit your abstracts by the November 18, 2025, deadline to be considered for oral or poster presentation.

The proffered program will also feature more than 200 clinical trials, including the largest number of podium opportunities ever with over 50 oral presentations in high-profile Clinical Trial Plenary Sessions and Clinical Trial Minisymposia. We encourage clinical trialists around the world to consider AACR Annual Meeting 2026 as a premier presentation outlet for their practice-changing work. The submission deadline for clinical trials abstracts is January 12, 2026.

We will gather in San Diego at a critical moment in the field, when the opportunity to drive progress against cancer has never been greater. From new insights into the underpinnings of cancer, to new approaches to reduce risk, to new technologies to detect cancer and intervene earlier, and to new treatments that are curing some patients and allowing others to live much longer, the AACR Annual Meeting will highlight the impact of cancer research across a wide range of disciplines.

We hope you will join us in person in San Diego or virtually to participate in this global forum for cutting-edge cancer science and medicine. Please check the AACR website (AACR.org/AACR2026) regularly for program updates and announcements. We look forward to receiving your abstract submissions and to your active participation in the AACR Annual Meeting 2026.

With very best wishes and regards,

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AACR ANNUAL MEETING 2026 KEY DATES



September 2025

September 16, 2025	Early Access to Housing Reservations Opens for Members
September 25, 2025	Housing Reservations Open for Nonmember Attendees
September 30, 2025	Application Deadline: NextGen Stars

October 2025

October 14, 2025	Abstract Submission Opens
October 14, 2025	Award Applications Open: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AACR Scholar-in-Training Awards• AACR Global Scholar-in-Training Awards• AACR Patient Advocates in Cancer Research Awards• AACR Early-Career Scholar in the Field of Cancer Research Awards• AACR Faculty Scholar in the Field of Cancer Research Awards• AACR-Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Scholar Awards• AACR Undergraduate Scholar Awards
October 21, 2025	Membership Application Deadline for Prospective Regular Abstract Sponsors and Scholar-in-Training Award Applicants
October 29, 2025	Meeting Registration Opens

November 2025

November 1, 2024	Abstract Submission Deadline for AACR New Drugs on the Horizon Sessions
November 18, 2025	Regular Abstract Submission Deadline (11:59 p.m. ET)
November 18, 2025	Application Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AACR Global Scholar-in-Training Awards• AACR Scholar-in-Training Awards

December 2025

December 5, 2025	Application Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AACR-Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Scholar Awards• AACR Undergraduate Scholar Awards
December 8, 2025	Membership Application Deadline for Early Registration Rate
December 8, 2025	Submission Deadline for AACR June L. Biedler Prize for Cancer Journalism
December 10, 2025	Membership Application Deadline for Prospective Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Sponsors
December 11, 2025	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Submission Opens

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KEY DATES *(cont'd)*

December 12, 2025	Application Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AACR Early-Career Scholar in the Field of Cancer Research Awards • AACR Faculty Scholar in the Field of Cancer Research Awards
December 30, 2025	Regular Abstract Status Notifications Sent

January 2026

January 5, 2026	Early Registration Deadline (lowest rates)
January 12, 2026	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Submission Deadline (11:59 p.m. ET)
January 16, 2026	AACR Patient Advocates in Cancer Research Awards Application Deadline
January 20, 2026	Manuscript Submission Deadline for Simultaneous Publication Consideration (Regular Abstracts)
January 30, 2026	Membership Application Deadline for Advance Registration Rate

February 2026

February 3, 2026	Regular Abstract Scheduling Notifications Sent
February 10, 2026	Submission Deadline: Final Data for Clinical Trial Placeholder Abstracts
February 17, 2026	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Notifications Sent
February 17, 2026	Manuscript Submission Deadline for Simultaneous Publication Consideration (Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstracts)
February 19, 2026	Online Itinerary Planner Available (tentative)
February 19, 2026	Regular Abstract Withdrawal Deadline
February 27, 2026	Advance Registration Deadline (discounted rates)

March 2026

March 6, 2026	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Withdrawal Deadline
March 6, 2026	Abstract Submission Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AACR Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition • AACR Special Program for High School Students
March 6, 2026	Cancellation Deadline for Registration Refunds (less \$125 processing fee)
March 6, 2026	Housing Reservation Deadline
March 13, 2026	Registration Deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AACR Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition • AACR Special Program for High School Students
March 17, 2026	Regular Abstract Titles and Texts Posted to Online Itinerary Planner (4:30 p.m. ET)
March 17, 2026	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Titles Posted to Online Itinerary Planner (4:30 p.m. ET); Abstract Texts Embargoed until April 17, 2026
March 20, 2026	Membership Application Deadline to Register for the Annual Meeting at the Member Rate Onsite
March 30, 2026	Annual Meeting App Available for Download (tentative)

April 2026

April 3, 2026	Regular Abstracts Published in an Online-only Supplement to <i>Cancer Research</i>
April 17, 2026	Onsite Registration Opens at San Diego Convention Center (12:00 p.m. PT)
April 17, 2026	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Texts Posted to Online Itinerary Planner and Meeting App (12:00 p.m. PT) and Published in an Online-only Supplement to <i>Cancer Research</i>
April 17, 2026	AACR Annual Meeting Begins (3:00 p.m. PT)

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND



Why You Should Attend the World's Most Important Cancer Research Meeting

The AACR Annual Meeting highlights the work of the greatest minds in cancer science and medicine from institutions all over the world. This meeting presents the many scientific discoveries across the breadth of cancer research—from prevention, early detection, and interception; to cancer biology and genetics, translational, and clinical studies; to survivorship, population sciences, and advocacy. You will be exposed to the latest developments in all areas of cancer research, form new collaborations, and learn how to apply exciting new concepts, tools, and techniques to your own research.

This year's program, with the theme of "Precision • Partnership • Purpose | Advancing Cancer Science to Save Lives Globally," will be a comprehensive, cutting-edge scientific event that you will not want to miss!

The AACR Annual Meeting 2026 Will Highlight:

- **Educational Program**—More than 65 highly valuable Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops will be offered on Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18. Access to these important sessions led by cancer experts is available to all registrants. Select sessions within the Educational Program will be CME-accredited.
- **Clinical Trials**—Included in the growing science-based clinical research program at the AACR Annual Meeting, clinical trials will once again be presented in Clinical Trials Plenary Sessions, Minisymposia, and Poster Sessions. A total of 209 clinical trials were presented at last year's Annual Meeting, including 38 oral presentations of highly rated abstracts.

- **NextGen Stars Program**—The NextGen Stars oral presentations program will showcase early-career scientists who are AACR Associate Members and early-career and early-stage Active Members up to the level of assistant professor or equivalent. AACR is committed to providing early-career scientists with opportunities to showcase their research and network with other cancer experts. To apply, submit your abstract and supporting materials by **September 30, 2025**. Details can be found at **AACR.org/AACR2026**.
- **Wrap-Up Plenary Session**—The meeting will close with key opinion leaders presenting the most exciting highlights from the meeting and providing visionary remarks about cancer research opportunities in the future. The Wrap-Up Plenary Session will take place on Wednesday, April 22, 12:10 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
- **Third Annual AACR Oncology Industry Partnering Event: From Cancer Discoveries to Patients**
April 16-17, 2026
San Diego Convention Center | San Diego, CA
Cochairs: Michael A. Caligiuri, City of Hope; Christiana Bardon, MPM | BiolImpact Capital; William N. Hait, Johnson & Johnson (ret.)

This annual event provides a unique networking experience for attendees to learn from our industry partners who will highlight the oncology pipelines and platforms of leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies as well as emerging scientific themes across the biopharmaceutical industry. This oncology-focused event will once again feature thought-leaders who will share their innovation strategies for drug development and present analysts and investors new partnership and licensing opportunities to advance these concepts.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND *(cont'd)*

The AACR is known for fostering innovation through translational science, turning clinical observations and early scientific discoveries into actionable insights and patient interventions more efficiently. Hosting the Annual AACR Oncology Industry Partnering Event is an important example of how the AACR is connecting academia, industry, and the business community to accelerate progress with cancer treatments and cures that directly benefit patients globally.

All sessions and events will be held in the San Diego Convention Center on Thursday, April 16, and Friday, April 17.

A special track devoted to the education of academic researchers interested in entrepreneurship will once again be included in the AACR Annual Meeting program.

Why You Should Submit an Abstract

The AACR Annual Meeting is the premier event for presenting the cutting-edge science that is shaping the future of cancer research and delivering cures to communities. Every abstract that is accepted for publication in the online *Proceedings* of the AACR is presented at the AACR Annual Meeting as a proffered paper, and all abstracts are considered for oral presentation in Minisymposia.

Opportunities to give an oral presentation and simultaneously publish your work in a high-impact AACR journal are available for abstract presenters. See page 25 for more details.

All abstracts accepted for presentation at the meeting will be considered for inclusion in the official AACR Annual Meeting 2026 press program, which garners widespread national and international news coverage. See page 22 for more details.

Please note that proffered abstract sessions will not be CME-accredited; accordingly, there will be no restrictions on presenting authors.

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PROGRAM



Beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, and continuing all day Saturday, April 18, 2026, a program of Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops will be presented. The program on Saturday will conclude with the Discovery Science Plenary Session titled, The Next Frontier in Minimal Residual Disease: Solid Tumors (4:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.) The Opening Ceremony and the Opening Plenary Session will take place on Sunday morning, April 19. The meeting will conclude at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22.

The 2026 Program in Progress follows:

Educational Program: Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops

The Educational Program is an integral part of the meeting and provides attendees with an opportunity to expand their knowledge base in new and exciting fields. The Educational Program consists of more than 65 unique sessions covering all areas of cancer research and features updates on critical topics and new technologies. As part of these sessions, the following popular sessions and topics will be included. Watch for more information at AACR.org/AACR2026.

- **Tumor Immunology and Immunotherapy for Nonimmunologists.**

This exciting session is part of the yearly programming presented at the AACR Annual Meeting and organized in conjunction with the AACR Cancer Immunology Working Group. The session provides a comprehensive review of hot topics in the field and allows ample time for questions from the audience.

- **Chemistry to the Clinic.** This multi-part series, organized in conjunction with the AACR Chemistry in Cancer Research Working Group, provides meeting attendees with foundational knowledge of critical elements of the cancer drug design and development process, such as lead optimization and identification of molecular targets and novel drug modalities.

- **Clinical Trial Design.** These Methods Workshops will provide attendees with a historical and methodologic understanding of clinical trials and demonstrate how to design an appropriate trial to answer the scientific questions presented by emerging treatments. Sessions will also focus on biostatistics in clinical trials.

Additional details will be posted at AACR.org/AACR2026.

Plenary Sessions

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Discovery Science Plenary

The Next Frontier in Minimal Residual Disease: Solid Tumors

Chair: Maximilian Diehn, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Aaron N. Hata, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Dan Landau, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY

Jean-Christophe W. Marine, VIB-KU Leuven Center for Cancer Biology, Leuven, Belgium

Jeanne Tie, Peter MacCallum Cancer Center, Melbourne, Australia

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Opening Plenary

Precision, Partnership, Purpose: Advancing Cancer Science to Save Lives Globally

Cochairs: Paul S. Mischel, Stanford University, Stanford, CA;

Alice T. Shaw, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

Carl H. June, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Georg E. Winter, CeMM - Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Vienna, Austria

Regina Barzilay, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Charles L. Sawyers, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

Monday, April 20, 2026

AI Revolution in Cancer Research

Chair: Jakob Nicholas Kather, Technische Universität Dresden, Dresden, Germany

Jure Leskovec, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Faisal Mahmood, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Suchi Saria, Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering, Baltimore, MD

Bo Wang, University of Toronto, ON, Canada

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Early-Onset Cancers: Why Are More Young Adults Getting Cancer?

Chair: Andrew T. Chan, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Ludmil B. Alexandrov, UC San Diego, San Diego, CA

Andrew T. Chan

Pepper Schedin, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

Hyuna Sung, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, GA

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Innovative Treatment Modalities: Shaping the Future of Oncology

Chair: Katy Rezvani, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

Raffaele Colombo, Zymeworks, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Angela Coxon, Amgen Oncology, Thousand Oaks, CA

John B.A.G. Haanen, Netherland Cancer Institute, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Martin G. Pomper, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Baltimore, MD

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Cochairs: Paul S. Mischel, Stanford University, Stanford, CA;

Alice T. Shaw, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

Speakers to be announced

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Presidential Select Symposium

Monday, April 20, 2026

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Targeting Stage 0: Precision-Based Prevention

Chair: Raymond N. Dubois, MUSC Hollings Cancer Center, Charleston, SC

Introduction: Lillian L. Siu, UHN Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON, Canada

Sir John Burn, Newcastle University, Newcastle, United Kingdom

Mary (Nora) L. Disis, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Joann G. Elmore, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

Sharon Plon, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Session Topics Include:

Addressing Cancer Mortality in Areas of Persistent Poverty

Advances in Bladder Cancer Research and Treatment

Advances in Glioblastoma Research and Treatment

Advances in Head and Neck Cancers

Advances in Melanoma Research and Treatment

Advances in Pancreatic Cancer Research and Treatment

Advances in Understanding Disseminated Tumor Cells: An Emerging Opportunity to Prevent Lethal Breast Cancer?

Advances in Upper GI Cancers: Gastric and Esophageal

Agentic AI as the Cancer Researcher: Autonomous Discovery in Oncology

Agentic AI as the Oncologist: Clinical Decision Support and Human-AI Collaboration

AI-based Tissue Biomarkers in Cancer Multimodal AI Across Scales

Aneuploidy and Mutations in Normal Tissues and Their Role in Cancer Initiation and Cancer Risk

Benefits and Obstacles of Non-invasive Early Detection Tests

Beyond Genetics: How Environment, Lifestyle, and Stress Shape Cancer Risk, Control, and Treatment Response

Big Pharma, Small Biotech, or Academic Drug Discovery and Development: Optimizing Interactions

The Biology and Burden of Stress: From Societal Challenges to Cellular Responses

Cancer Cachexia: Tumor Signals, Systemic Impact, and Translational Opportunities

Cancer Interception Across Tumor Types: Addressing Modifiable Risk Factors for Early Action

Cancer Vaccines: The Next Frontier of Immunotherapy? A Renaissance?

CAR T-Cell Therapy for Solid Tumors

Cell Therapy at a Crossroads: Exploring the Evolving Landscape between Autologous, Allogeneic, and In Vivo Engineering

Centering Hope: How Patient Voices Are Shaping Tomorrow's Cancer Science

Chemotherapy Mutagenesis on Normal Tissues in Children: A Link to Late Effects?

Chromatin, Epigenetics, and Cancer

Claudin-Targeted Therapies: Translating Tight Junction Biology into Precision Oncology

Clonal Hematopoiesis: Aging and Drivers of Blood Cancer and Solid Tumors

Context-specific Determinants of Somatic Evolution

Coordination of Translational Control

Crosstalk between the Nervous System and Cancer

Decoding Cancer's Complex Ecosystem: The Pathology of Tumor Microenvironment and Heterogeneity

Decoding Renal Cell Carcinoma: Tumor Biology and Emerging Therapeutic Frontiers

DNA Damage Response and Synthetic Lethality in Cancer

Does Adherence to Oral Cancer Therapy Matter?

Early-Onset Cancers: Interventions and Survivorship

Epigenetics in Hematologic Malignancies

The Epitranscriptome in Cancer: Modifying RNA to Shape the Future of Oncology

Exploiting Cancer Evolution for Clinical Impact

The Fallopian Tube as a Key to Ovarian Cancer Prevention: Management of Serous Tubal Intraepithelial (STIC) Lesions

Glues and Degraders

Harnessing the Power of the Immune System: Turning Cold Tumors Hot

HPV Vaccination and Self-Sampling for Cervical Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Globally and in Underserved Settings

Human Cancer Models

Immune Environment, Biological Mechanisms, and Radioligand Therapy

Immunometabolism Impacting Immunotherapy

Immunotherapy and DNA Repair

Induced Proximity Pharmacology: Degraders and Beyond

Inflammaging and Cancer

Interplay between Genetics and Environment

Leveraging Novel Technologies and Knowledge Bases to Optimize Success in Clinical Trials

Lineage Plasticity and Lung Cancer: Mechanisms and Consequences

Liver Cancer: Treatment, Prevention, and Mechanisms

Mechanisms of Immune Evasion

Mechanisms of Resistance to RAS Inhibition

Metabolic Adaptations in Metastases

Mitochondrial Transfer and Tumor Progression

Multicancer Early Detection (MCED): Where We Are and How We Realize the Hope

Neuroendocrine and Small Cell Lung Cancers

New Advances in Bispecific Antibody Development

New Advances in Minimal Residual Disease

Next Generation of CAR T-Cell Therapies

Next-Gen Tools for ADCs: Defining Biomarkers of Response through Technological Innovation

Next-Generation Radioligand Therapy

Non-invasive Early Detection of Single-Site Cancers

Novel Insights into Extrachromosomal DNA (ecDNA)

Novel Therapeutics for Pediatric Cancer Indications

Off-the-Shelf Cell Therapies for Cancer and Beyond

Opportunities to Address Cancer Disparities Using Advances in Multi-omic Technologies

Optimizing Efficacy While Limiting Toxicity in Immunotherapy for Cancer Treatment

Pediatric Brain Tumors: Biology to Therapy

Population Sciences for Hematological Malignancies

Precision Screening: Opportunities to Enhance the Benefits of Cancer Screening

Programmed Cell Death: Mechanisms and Therapeutic Opportunities

Prostate Cancer: Basic to Clinical Advances

Resistance to Antibody Drug Conjugates

RNA Biology in Cancer

The Role of Colibactin and Other Microbial Metabolites in Colorectal Cancer

Role of the Intestinal Microbiome in CAR T-Cell Therapy

The Role of the Non-bacterial Microbiome in Cancer

Science of Community Outreach and Engagement: Navigating Change and Maintaining Impact

Shaping the Future of AI: The Role of Pathology in the Development of Foundational Models

Signaling Pathways in Cancer

Silent Lesions, Dynamic Niches: Harnessing the Stroma to Prevent Cancer Initiation

Single Cell Multi-omic Technologies to Delineate Genotype-Phenotype Relationships in Cancer

Spatial and Single-Cell Omics at Clinical Scale

Spatial Technologies for Hematological Malignancies

Structural Insights to Cancer Biology and Therapy

Synthetic Biology Approaches to Cancer and Immune Cell Therapy

Synthetic Lethality in Oncology: Progress Made, Pitfalls Encountered, and the Path Forward

Targeted Therapy Frontiers in Microsatellite-Stable Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

Therapy-Induced Microenvironmental Reprogramming and Macroenvironmental Pathophysiological Changes

Translating Epidemiology to the Clinic: Aspirin for the Prevention and Treatment of Colorectal Cancer

Tumor Necrosis as a Driver of Cancer Progression and Resistance

Tumor-secreted Factors: The Next Hallmark of Cancer?

Understanding the Impact of Mechanobiology on Tumor Evolution

Unveiling Peritoneal Metastasis: From Immune-Genomic Biology to Multimodal Therapies

Using AI and Spatial Transcriptomics Data to Predict Spatial Gene Expression from Histopathology Slides

ZNA and Cancer: How Characteristics of Patient Zip Codes and Neighborhoods Drive Cancer Burden

New Drugs on the Horizon Sessions

Held in collaboration with the AACR Chemistry in Cancer Research Working Group, this special three-part session series features first disclosures of the chemistry and biology of small- and large-molecule agents that are currently being or will soon be actively investigated in clinical trials for the treatment of cancer. The abstract submission and review process is distinct from the regular and late-breaking abstract submission processes. The deadline to submit an abstract for consideration is **November 1**. For more information, visit the New Drugs on the Horizon page on AACR.org/AACR2026.

The Regulatory Science and Policy Track and Science and Health Policy Program

Decisions made by policymakers in Washington, DC, have a direct impact on cancer research and the progress being made against cancer in the United States and throughout the world. The AACR sponsors sessions with policymakers, academic researchers, patient advocates, cancer survivors, and industry representatives to foster dialogue about emerging topics in science and health policy as well as regulatory science and policy.

The **Science and Health Policy Program** includes sessions that will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn about how policy impacts science and vice versa. Science policy sessions will examine the current political environment affecting federal funding for the NIH and NCI, including highlighting ways for scientists to get involved in advocating for robust, sustained, and predictable budget increases.

Health policy sessions will explore how scientific evidence can inform policy on cancer prevention and control and what impact policies are having on patients and communities. Past health policy sessions have covered topics such as e-cigarettes and tobacco control measures, the Affordable Care Act, ways to prevent and control pathogen-related cancers, such as increasing the use of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, and more recently, challenges that cancer researchers are facing from many of the Administration's Executive Orders.

The **Regulatory Science and Policy Track** includes informative sessions designed to highlight recent regulatory developments and provide an open forum for the consideration of issues that the FDA and those involved in drug development face as both groups seek to accelerate the pace of approval of safe and effective treatments for patients with cancer. These sessions offer an opportunity for attendees to discuss cutting-edge issues in cancer drug, biologic, and diagnostic regulation with stakeholders from academia, industry, advocacy, and government. Past regulatory science and policy topics have included strategies for increasing participation of underrepresented populations in clinical trials, best practices for using real-world evidence to support clinical trials, regulatory considerations for developing liquid biopsy tests, implications of site-agnostic therapy approval for drug development, and applications for artificial intelligence/machine learning in regulatory decision-making.

The **Science of Survivorship Track** includes sessions highlighting new and high-value areas of research to address the array of challenges facing long-term cancer survivors. Sessions invite trans-sector discussion among the survivor and advocacy communities, basic and clinical researchers, industry representatives, health care providers, and government officials. Past science of survivorship topics have included aging and cancer, long-term survivorship in vulnerable populations, development of new survivorship models, patient-reported outcomes, data sharing, and patient engagement.

SPOTLIGHT ON CLINICAL TRIALS



Submit Your Clinical Trials Abstracts to the AACR Annual Meeting 2026

Become a part of our growing science-based clinical research program at the AACR Annual Meeting and help us showcase how research continues to transform the lives of cancer patients.

Why You Should Submit

- Numerous and unique oral presentation opportunities, including:
 - Four Clinical Trials Plenary Sessions offering companion presentations discussing the science behind the trials presented
 - Up to five Clinical Trials Minisymposia
- Poster presentations
- Opportunities for extensive national media coverage through the AACR press program
- Opportunities to publish a manuscript in one of the AACR's highly regarded journals, including potential simultaneous publication with your abstract presentation
 - Review the FAQ relating to simultaneous publication in the AACR Journals for more information (AACRJournals.org/pages/am2026-faq)
 - Contact aacrpublications@aacr.org with any questions
- Promising ongoing trials, or unique trial designs that have not yet yielded results. Select the Clinical Trials in Progress category (CT01)
- Encore clinical trials presentations that have been presented solely in abstract form, including publication in conference proceedings. Submissions must include significant additional data as determined by the AACR Clinical Trials Committee
- See page 32 for clinical trials (CT) abstract categories and visit AACR.org/AACR2026 for submission guidelines

What to Submit

- Any phase (0, first-in-human, I, II, III, or any combination) abstract from national or international clinical trials
- Trials for solid tumors or blood cancers in adult and pediatric patients

When to Submit

- Submit your completed or placeholder abstract(s) by the January 12, 2026 deadline. The clinical trials (CT) abstract categories will not be available for submissions for the November 18, 2025 deadline. The abstract submitter will re-open for clinical trials abstracts on December 11, 2025, and remain open through the January 12, 2026 deadline
- Final results and conclusions for placeholder abstracts are due by February 10, 2026
- Manuscript submission deadline for simultaneous publications is February 17, 2026

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38 CLINICAL TRIALS ABSTRACTS PRESENTED IN PLENARY SESSIONS AND MINISYMPOSIA

111 CLINICAL TRIALS ABSTRACTS PRESENTED IN POSTER SESSIONS

60 CLINICAL TRIALS IN PROGRESS ABSTRACTS PRESENTED IN POSTER SESSIONS

209 TOTAL CLINICAL TRIALS ABSTRACTS PRESENTED

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



In support of its mission to promote the education and training of cancer scientists and clinicians, and to cultivate a highly skilled and diverse cancer research workforce, the AACR provides AACR Annual Meeting attendees at all career stages—from high school and undergraduate students to senior investigators—with opportunities to advance their careers. For more information about any of the professional development opportunities that follow, visit AACR.org/PDS.

NextGen Stars

The prestigious and competitive NextGen Stars program offers early-career and early-stage scientists an opportunity to apply to give a presentation in a Major Symposium or Advances Session at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026. Speaking slots are limited and are only available to AACR Associate Members and to AACR Active Members who are not above the level of assistant professor or equivalent. The NextGen Stars program provides an exciting opportunity to increase the visibility of early-career and early-stage scientists at the AACR Annual Meeting and to support their professional development and advancement.

The deadline to submit applications is **5:00 p.m. ET, September 30, 2025**. Applications consist of an extended abstract (limit 8,000 characters), a CV, and a letter of recommendation from a P.I., department head, or another mentor who is familiar with the applicant's work. Applicants selected as NextGen Stars for 2026 will receive travel support and complimentary registration for the meeting. Details can be found at AACR.org/AACR2026 under the "NextGen Stars" tab.

Professional Development Series

Exclusive Member Benefit

The Professional Development Series of sessions supports the education, training, and career advancement of cancer research investigators at all stages of their careers. Developed through a collaborative effort among the AACR Science Education and Career Advancement Committee, Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) Council, Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Council, Associate Member Council (AMC), and the Publications Committee, these sessions provide several interactive and engaging professional development and career advancement opportunities to investigators at all levels, including students, early-career scientists, and early-stage investigators.

All Professional Development Sessions are free and exclusive to AACR members. There is no cost to join the AACR as an Associate Member (graduate students, medical students and residents, and clinical and postdoctoral fellows who are enrolled in education or training programs that could lead to a career in cancer research) or Student Member (undergraduate and high school students).

If you are not an AACR member, you are strongly encouraged to join the AACR and take advantage of the opportunity to attend these sessions and receive the many other benefits of membership, including the privilege of sponsoring abstracts, significantly reduced member registration rates, and more. Visit AACR.org/Membership to apply today!

The full listing of sessions in the Professional Development Series to be held at the Annual Meeting 2026 will be announced in the fall. Space is limited and participation is available for all sessions on a first-come, first-served basis for all sessions. Visit AACR.org/PDS for session updates and to preregister.

21st Annual Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition

Saturday, April 18

With more than 250 undergraduate student participants annually, the AACR Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition remains the premier event for undergraduate students attending the AACR Annual Meeting. Now in its 21st year, this program provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to learn more about current research in the cancer field, hear from investigators about educational pathways and career development, explore career options in the cancer field, and compete for the Margaret Foti Foundation Undergraduate Prizes for Cancer Research while presenting research. Undergraduates at all levels and postbaccalaureate students are welcome to participate in this highly anticipated program at no cost. To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please visit [AACR.org/ScienceEducation](https://aacr.org/ScienceEducation) or send an email to scienceeducation@aacr.org.

Abstract Submission Deadline (presenting): March 6, 2026

Registration Deadline (nonpresenting): March 13, 2026

AACR Special Program for High School Students: The Conquest of Cancer and the Next Generation of Cancer Researchers

Tuesday, April 21

The Special Program for High School Students promotes interactions between senior cancer scientists and promising students in order to facilitate the contributions of these students to scientific research and the conquest of cancer. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn about cancer research and careers in biomedical research and medicine. The session is free, but space is limited. Learn more at [AACR.org/HighSchoolProgram](https://aacr.org/HighSchoolProgram).

Abstract Submission Deadline (presenting): March 6, 2026

Registration Deadline (nonpresenting): March 13, 2026

CancerCareers.org

CancerCareers.org offers unparalleled career services and opportunities to cancer and biomedical researchers seeking to advance their scientific careers, and to employers who seek to recruit scientists.

Scientists looking for their next career opportunity can access CancerCareers.org to create a user profile, create job alerts, and browse through and apply for any of the hundreds of position openings advertised by some of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies, cancer research institutions, government agencies, and academia. The site also has the capability to store CVs/resumes, and search for various research categories.

Employers have the ability to post an unlimited number of position announcements onto the CancerCareers.org website, with the potential of reaching thousands of highly qualified scientists at all scientific levels who are interested in cancer and biomedical research, as well as in epidemiological and behavioral research opportunities. In addition, the CV/resume database that holds information on these highly qualified scientists is available to employers for their review and consideration. For more information, visit [CancerCareers.org](https://cancercareers.org) or email customerservice@cancercareers.org.

AACR Annual Cancer and Biomedical Research Career Fair

The AACR Annual Cancer and Biomedical Research Career Fair will take place at the AACR Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. PDT. Visit [CancerCareers.org](https://cancercareers.org) for more information and to register for the 2026 Career Fair, or email careerfair@aacr.org.

Employers will:

- Meet with candidates at all scientific levels
- Post open positions
- Review CVs/resumes

Job seekers will:

- Meet with employers face-to-face from academia, industry, and government institutions
- Upload CVs/resumes on CancerCareers.org
- Sign up for Job Alerts

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES *(cont'd)*

CancerCareers.org Hub

The AACR provides career and professional development guidance to scientists at all career levels at the CancerCareers.org Hub.

AACR will host several career development and recruiting events at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 beginning on Sunday, April 19 through Wednesday, April 22, in the CancerCareers Hub, located in AACR Central in the San Diego Convention Center.

The CancerCareers Hub will be open during the following hours:

Sunday, April 19	12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 20	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Create your free jobseeker profile account to search for positions, apply for jobs, post your CV/resume, create Job Alerts, and take advantage of other features. For more information, visit

CancerCareers.org or email customerservice@cancercareers.org.

Networking Hubs

Taking place on Sunday, April 19, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., the AACR Networking Hubs will once again offer a “can’t miss” opportunity for young investigators. The Hubs will target several rapidly advancing areas of research. There will be no formal program, but the Hubs offer a fun opportunity to socialize and network with colleagues, potential collaborators, and some of the most respected investigators in the cancer research community. Look for more information in the coming months on the [Professional Development Opportunities](#) tab on **AACR.org/AACR2026**.

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EXHIBIT SHOW



The 2026 AACR Exhibit Show will include a wide array of companies with the latest products and services for laboratory and clinical research. Additional areas of interest include the Nonprofit Section, AACR Publications and Publishers' Row, and AACR Advocacy Partners' Pavilion. This year AACR Central, which is the main hub for AACR services, will be located in the Sails Pavilion.

The exhibits, located adjacent to the poster sessions, make a significant contribution to the educational value of the meeting. Please add time to your overall schedule to visit the Exhibit Show. Complimentary coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be served in the Exhibit/Poster Hall at specified times on each day when exhibits are open.

In addition, great opportunities to connect with exhibitors and other attendees will be available in the Exhibit Hall.

- Visit the Headshot Lounge in the Exhibit Hall to update your headshot for your business card, resume, and social media.
- Enhanced refreshment breaks, featuring a wide variety of specialty snacks, will be served on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. These breaks support networking among attendees and exhibitors.
- Be sure to participate in the Explore! game, available through the AACR Annual Meeting App. By visiting all participating exhibitors, you can be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an Amazon gift card. Additional information will be available in the App and on the AACR website.
- Located in the Sails Pavilion above the Exhibit Hall, the Exhibitor Spotlight Theaters are reserved by exhibiting companies to present their latest products and services in special 60-minute sessions during exhibit hours. For a full list of presentations, please refer to the AACR Online Itinerary Planner or the AACR Annual Meeting App.

If your organization is interested in exhibiting and would like to receive an Exhibitor Prospectus, please contact the Exhibits Team at 215-440-9300 or by email at exhibits@aacr.org.

AACR Central

Located in the center of the Sails Pavilion and open during Exhibit Hall hours, AACR Central is the main hub for information about the many offerings of the AACR. At AACR Central, attendees can learn about membership; participating in Working Groups; upcoming scientific meetings and workshops; AACR's fundraising endeavors; research grant opportunities; the organization's science policy and government affairs efforts; the latest scientific reports, and much more.

Visit AACR Central to:

- Apply for AACR membership, learn more about AACR member benefits, or check the status of your membership.
- Participate in networking events organized by the Associate Member Council (AMC), AACR-Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR), AACR-Women in Cancer Research (WICR), the Science Education and Career Advancement Committee, and others.
- See a live demo of AACR Project GENIE®, one of the largest publicly accessible cancer registries of real-world clinico-genomic data.
- Find information on AACR's conferences, award programs, advocacy efforts, and the AACR Foundation.
- Pick up copies of *Cancer Today* and *Leading Discoveries* magazines or the *AACR Cancer Progress Report 2025* and *AACR Pediatric Cancer Progress Report*.
- Get the latest Cancer Careers Resource Guide and discover the benefits of [CancerCareers.org](https://www.cancercareers.org).

Publications Booth

The AACR Publications Booth (#2615) is located in the Exhibit Hall next to AACR Central. Visit AACR Publications to pick up the latest print issues of the highly esteemed AACR Journals and article collections on topics relating to the Annual Meeting sessions, meet with the Editors-in-Chief to better understand the types of research they are seeking to publish, and learn more about recent initiatives in the publishing program.

AACR Shop

Located in the convention center outside of the Sails Pavilion, in the Ballroom 20 Hallway, the AACR Shop is the place to get your AACR branded swag and show your support for cancer research.

Shop the AACR Cancer Research Saves Lives® collection and choose from new styles for 2026, featuring a wide assortment of AACR t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, youth and baby apparel, mugs, water bottles, and much more. Don't forget to pick up your limited edition AACR Annual Meeting 2026 t-shirt!

All purchases are tax deductible charitable donations, and proceeds go directly to the AACR to support our mission to prevent and cure all cancers.

Can't make the meeting in person? Shop online at **[AACR.org/Shop](https://aacr.org/Shop)** for the latest selection.

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)



This year's AACR Annual Meeting Education Program (April 17-18) is jointly provided by Partners for Advancing Clinical Education and the American Association for Cancer Research® and brings the latest cancer research from “bench to bedside and back.” The AACR Annual Meeting consists of educational interventions designed to encourage the analysis and discussion of the latest findings in all areas of basic, translational, and clinical cancer research not only among researchers, but also by engaging clinicians in this scientific discourse. The AACR is committed to advancing the ability of clinicians to apply critical aspects of cancer research to the clinical practice of oncology to aid in the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer. Select sessions within the 2-day Education Program (April 17-18) will be accredited. Individuals must be registered for the meeting by April 22, 2026, to be eligible to request credits for sessions attended in-person or viewed online.”

Educational Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Assess the technological and computational advancements accelerating progress in cancer research and improving early detection and interception, with an ultimate goal to extend patients' lives and improve their quality of life.
- Recognize how advances in precision cancer medicine are enhancing patient outcomes by closely monitoring patient response and aiming to reduce side effects.

- Incorporate the latest research findings regarding therapies and treatment options, including immunotherapy, radiotherapy, and combination therapies, in a variety of cancer types to improve patient outcomes.
- Evaluate how tumor evolution contributes to resistance to therapy and leverage tumor heterogeneity to develop better strategies for cancer prevention, interception, and treatment.
- Identify the factors influencing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of various cancers in patients from diverse populations and contribute to achieving health equity.
- Initiate collaborations among physicians, researchers, and clinician-scientists to advance cancer treatment and prevention strategies, and to support survivors.

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Partners for Advancing Clinical Education (Partners) requires every individual in a position to control educational content to disclose all financial relationships with ineligible companies that have occurred within the past 24 months. Ineligible companies are organizations whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. All relevant financial relationships are mitigated according to Partners policies.

Joint Accreditation Statement



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Partners for Advancing Clinical Education (Partners) and the American Association for Cancer Research.

Partners is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Physician Continuing Education

Partners designates this live activity for a maximum of 84 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

American Board of Internal Medicine Maintenance of Certification



Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 84 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

To receive CME credit and/or MOC points, you **MUST** pass the posttest and complete the evaluation. For ABIM MOC points, your information will be shared with the ABIM through Partners' Joint Accreditation Program and Activity Reporting System (JAPARS). Please allow 6-8 weeks for your MOC points to appear on your ABIM records. By sharing your Diplomate Board ID # and DOB, you are giving Partners permission to use this information/data to report your participation to these Boards JA-PARS.

AACR SCIENTIST↔SURVIVOR PROGRAM®



Commitment to Cancer Survivors and Patient Advocates

Patient advocates are integral at the AACR Annual Meeting as essential members of the cancer research community, offering insights that reflect the lived experiences of those impacted by cancer. Importantly, advocates bridge the gap between scientific discovery and real-world impact, ensuring that research outcomes are not only innovative but also aligned with the needs and experiences of patients.

Patient advocates are offered discounted registration rates to attend the AACR Annual Meeting.

AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program® at the AACR Annual Meeting

Now in its 28th year, the AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program® (SSP) at the AACR Annual Meeting is a pioneering education program for patient advocates. Founded and led since its inception by Anna D. Barker, PhD, FAACR, of the Ellison Medical Institute, the program is designed to foster lasting partnerships among scientific leaders, cancer survivors, and patient advocacy communities worldwide. Applications for the highly competitive program are now open.

Through SSP, patient advocates gain a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of cancer research while networking with scientists, physicians, health care professionals, and fellow advocates.

Participants engage in special scientific lectures; interactive small group discussions; and collaborative exchanges focused on advancing cancer research, survivorship, advocacy, and public policy to help shape progress across the cancer research field.

If you are interested in applying for this year's SSP, please visit AACR.org/SSP2026 or email advocacy@aacr.org.

Patient Advocacy Programs at the AACR Annual Meeting

AACR offers a number of opportunities to encourage bidirectional communication between researchers and patient advocates at the AACR Annual Meeting, including the AACR Advocacy Partners Pavilion, patient advocate posters, Patient Advocates in Research Awards, and patient advocate roundtables. For more information, please visit AACR.org/patient-advocacy.

PRESS COVERAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA



Attracting Journalists Worldwide, Generating Major News Coverage

The AACR is the authoritative resource and voice for cancer research, and the AACR Annual Meeting garners the best in national and international news coverage. The AACR Annual Meeting 2025 attracted more than 180 registered reporters and generated more than 6,400 media clips in high-profile outlets such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, TIME Magazine, CNN, NBC News, CBS News, and Fox News.

All abstracts accepted for presentation at the meeting will be considered for inclusion in the official AACR Annual Meeting 2026 press program. **For more information, please contact Julia Gunther at julia.gunther@aacr.org or Rick Buck at rick.buck@aacr.org.**

Utilizing Social Media to Amplify the Conversation

The AACR Annual Meeting 2025 also generated significant social media activity in the cancer research community. Social media highlights included:

3,850+
PEOPLE JOINING THE CONVERSATION ON X

16,000+
POSTS ABOUT THE MEETING

636.6
MILLION IMPRESSIONS (RECORD HIGH)

Social media users who are interested in the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 are encouraged to follow and use the meeting hashtag: **#AACR26**.

     [Blog.AACR.org](https://blog.aacr.org)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ATTENDANCE



Through the generosity of its loyal supporters, the AACR is pleased to provide financial support to meritorious undergraduate students and early-career scientists to assist them in attending the AACR Annual Meeting. Detailed information about these award programs, including eligibility and selection criteria, is available below.

AACR Scholar-in-Training Awards

Exclusive Member Benefit

Scholar-in-Training Awards are available for Associate Members in good standing who are the presenters of meritorious proffered papers at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026. Nonmember graduate students, medical students and residents, clinical fellows or equivalent, and postdoctoral fellows who wish to apply for a Scholar-in-Training Award should submit their AACR membership applications by **October 21, 2025**. The AACR Membership Application Form is available on the AACR website at **AACR.org/Membership**. To apply for a Scholar-in-Training Award, an applicant must first submit an abstract, and then complete a separate award application. While awards will be based on meritorious applications across scientific disciplines, some funding for the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 has been designated to support awards for applicants meeting specific scientific or geographic criteria. For details of the application process and the selection criteria, please visit **AACR.org/SITA**. Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

Application Deadline: November 18, 2025

AACR Global Scholar-in-Training Award

Global Scholar-in-Training Awards (GSITA) are available for eligible early-career investigators in countries building cancer research capacities. Applicants must submit an abstract to the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 and then complete a separate GSITA application.

Applicants must be Associate Members of the AACR in good standing (membership current through 2025). Student Members completing a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), or other international undergraduate medical degree equivalent to an advanced medical degree in the United States, are also welcome to apply. Nonmember undergraduate students pursuing an international medical degree, graduate students, medical students and residents, clinical fellows or equivalent, and postdoctoral fellows who wish to apply for a GSITA should submit a Membership Application Form by **October 21, 2025**, before submitting their GSITA application. For additional details and a list of eligible countries, visit **AACR.org/GSITA**.

Application Deadline: November 18, 2025

AACR Patient Advocates in Cancer Research Awards

AACR Patient Advocates in Cancer Research Awards are available to patient advocates presenting meritorious abstracts at the AACR Annual Meeting. To apply for this award, an applicant must first submit an abstract, and then complete a separate award application. For more information, please visit **AACR.org/patient-advocacy**.

Application Deadline: January 16, 2026

AACR Early-Career Scholar in the Field of Cancer Research Awards

Presenters of proffered papers who are full-time predoctoral (graduate or medical) students, residents, and clinical or postdoctoral fellows who are engaged in cancer research or have the training and potential to make contributions to this field are encouraged to apply for this scholar award. This competitive award program will provide funds to talented and highly meritorious early-career trainees in the field of cancer research to support presentation of their research at high-caliber national scientific conferences organized by the AACR. Only citizens of the United States or Canada, or scientists who are permanent residents of these countries, may receive one of these awards. For details or to apply, visit [AACR.org/ECS](https://aacr.org/ECS).

Application Deadline: December 12, 2025

AACR Faculty Scholar in the Field of Cancer Research Awards

This program will provide funds to support the participation of full-time highly meritorious faculty (primarily junior faculty at the level of assistant professor) in high-caliber national scientific conferences organized by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Full-time faculty members who present a proffered paper at the AACR Annual Meeting are encouraged to apply for this competitive scholar award.

These awards are intended to increase the scientific knowledge base of faculty to encourage them in their research, and to assist them in inspiring their students to pursue careers in cancer research. Only citizens of the United States or Canada, or scientists who are permanent residents of these countries, may receive one of these awards. For details or to submit an application, visit [AACR.org/FCS](https://aacr.org/FCS).

Application Deadline: December 12, 2025

AACR Undergraduate Scholar Awards

The AACR is pleased to offer this highly competitive award program which is intended to inspire promising third-year science students to enter the field of cancer research and provides students with the unique opportunity to network with peers and senior investigators around the world. A separate application form is required. For details or to submit an application, visit [AACR.org/ScienceEducation](https://aacr.org/ScienceEducation).

Application Deadline: December 5, 2025

AACR-Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Scholar Awards

The WICR scholar awards support the participation of investigators to attend the AACR Annual Meeting. These awards are given annually to any member of Women in Cancer Research who are scientists-in-training and presenters of meritorious scientific papers at this AACR Annual Meeting.

The purposes of this award program are to increase the scientific knowledge base of Women in Cancer Research members and to encourage them to pursue careers in cancer research.

Application Deadline: December 5, 2025

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GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS



Presentation of E-posters

While all posters accepted for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 must be presented in person, poster presenters will also be required to submit a companion e-poster in either video or PDF formats. The e-poster file can be an electronic copy of the print poster, a modified version of the print poster, or a summary of the key findings. E-posters will be available online to registered Annual Meeting attendees through **October 2026**.

Proffered Paper Presentation

All proffered papers that are accepted for poster or oral presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 must be presented in person. Remote abstract presentations will not be permitted. Presenters who are unable to travel to San Diego to present their proffered paper in person will have the opportunity to designate a coauthor to serve as the presenter. If no coauthors are available to present the paper in person, the abstract must be withdrawn.

Presenters of proffered abstracts that have been selected for oral presentation in a minisymposium must agree to have their presentations recorded and made available to meeting registrants on the virtual meeting platform. Presenters who decline to have their minisymposium presentation recorded will be withdrawn from the session.

As indicated above, presenters of proffered abstracts that have been selected for poster presentation must agree to submit an e-poster by the established deadline and to make that e-poster available to meeting registrants.

Publication of Abstracts in *Cancer Research*

Abstracts accepted for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 will be published in an online-only *Proceedings* supplement to the AACR journal *Cancer Research* prior to the meeting in two parts. Part 1 of the online *Proceedings* (regular abstracts) will be published on Friday, April 3, and Part 2 (clinical trials and late-breaking abstracts) will be published on Friday, April 17. Revised *Proceedings* supplements containing the full text of embargoed abstracts as well as any late changes will be published in *Cancer Research* approximately one month after the meeting.

Once the abstracts are published in the journal, additional requests, edits, and withdrawals cannot be processed. Therefore, abstract authors should carefully read their abstracts before submission to ensure that all authors agree with their position on the author list, that all authors and institutions are listed correctly, and that the abstract text is correct. All requests to withdraw or edit abstracts must be received by the following deadlines:

- Regular Abstracts (submitted by the November 18 deadline): **Thursday, February 19, 2026**
- Clinical Trials and Late-Breaking Abstracts (submitted by the January 12 deadline): **Friday, March 6, 2026**

Special Interest Submissions

The AACR encourages submission of abstracts in the following categories, which will be given special consideration for oral presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026:

- **Studies Using Data from AACR Project GENIE®.** AACR Project GENIE® is a publicly accessible cancer registry of real-world clinic-genomic data assembled through data sharing among leading international cancer centers. While there is no specific abstract category for abstracts that describe work using AACR Project GENIE®, you can have your abstract considered by selecting “AACR Project GENIE®” as one of your keywords during the submission process. Learn more about AACR Project GENIE® at AACR.org/GENIE.
- **Studies Featuring Advances in Hematologic Malignancies.** While there is no specific abstract category for abstracts that focus on basic, translational or clinical advances in hematologic malignancies, you can have your abstract considered by selecting a hematologic malignancy from the organ site list during the submission process.
- **Studies to be Presented by Patient Advocates.** Patient Advocacy and Engagement is a subcategory included in Science and Health Policy (SHP). Patient advocates may submit work to this category or any other category and simply select “Advocacy” as one of the keywords to be considered for a session featuring patient advocates as presenting authors.

AACR Abstract Submission System

Authors must submit abstracts for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 using the AACR Abstract Submission System, which will be available at AACR.org/AACR2026 beginning October 14, 2025. You can create, modify, and submit abstracts until the November 18, 2025, abstract deadline. Complete instructions on the use of the AACR Abstract Submission System will be provided on the website.

The Abstract Submission System has been optimized for the current versions of most browsers. Browsers should be set to enable JavaScript and to accept cookies. Users who need assistance in properly updating and configuring their browsers should contact Abstract Submission Customer Service at 217-398-1792 or aacr@support.ctimeetingtech.com.

Responsibilities of Authors

By submitting an abstract for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting, abstract authors agree and/or attest to the following:

- **Support for Abstract/Verification of Authorship.** All authors accept individual responsibility for the accuracy and integrity of statements in their abstract, and the submitting author is required to ensure that all authors have confirmed that all statements are an accurate reflection of the presented data, that they have all agreed to the submission of the abstract, and that they agree with being listed as contributors prior to submission. The submitting author is also required to ensure that all relevant contributors to the abstract are included in the list of authors.
- **Sponsorship of Abstracts.** The submitting author must provide the name of an AACR member who has agreed to sponsor the abstract, and the submitting author must attest that the permission of the member sponsor has been secured prior to initiating an abstract submission. See page 29 for Abstract Sponsorship Regulations.
- **Transfer of Copyright.** On behalf of all authors, the submitting author must assign and transfer copyright for the abstract to the AACR.
- **Presentation of Abstracts.** All proffered papers scheduled for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 must be presented in person. The submitting author for each abstract must designate a presenter who agrees to register for the meeting and attend the corresponding session to discuss in detail the research presented in the published abstract. If the assigned presenter cannot attend the meeting, the authors are expected to designate a replacement or withdraw the abstract (see page 28).
- **Confirmation of No Prior Publication/Presentation.** Authors who submit an abstract confirm that they have not previously published these data, that they have not previously presented them at a large national annual scientific meeting, and that they are not planning to present or publish them prior to the dates of the AACR Annual Meeting 2026. Preprints (draft research papers posted online before peer review) are not considered to be a prior publication if they are posted online before abstracts are submitted to the AACR Annual Meeting.

Abstracts submitted to the AACR Annual Meeting are confidential and embargoed until the AACR publishes the abstracts on the AACR's online itinerary planner. To view the abstract release schedule and the AACR embargo policy, visit AACR.org/aacr26embargo.

Exceptions: Encore presentations are permitted for clinical trials abstracts that are submitted for the January 12, 2026, clinical trials deadline. During the submission process, authors of encore clinical trials abstracts must provide the date and name of the meeting at which the original trial abstract was presented.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS *(cont'd)*

Certain laws may require disclosure of clinical trial data through federal and international registries within a specific amount of time following trial completion, or disclosure of clinical trial data by federal and international agencies for regulatory purposes related to drug safety and efficacy. Such disclosures will not be considered a violation of the AACR's Embargo Policy, but the courtesy of advance notice to the AACR by email at exceptions@aacr.org is requested.

Any other exceptions to this policy are at the discretion of AACR leadership.

Content of Abstracts

Each abstract should contain (a) an introductory sentence indicating the purposes of the study; (b) a brief description of pertinent experimental procedures; (c) a summary of the new, unpublished data; and (d) a statement of the conclusions.

Authors are asked to refrain from using terminology that may be viewed as objectionable in accordance with the current US administration's policy priorities.

Abstracts should be carefully proofread to avoid errors in the published literature. American spelling should be used throughout; for more information regarding American spelling, please refer to *The CSE Manual: Scientific Style and Format for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, Ninth Edition* (Council of Science Editors, 2024).

Use of Generative AI

Generative artificial intelligence (AI), as with traditional automated and manual editing services, has the potential to improve the clarity of submitted abstracts when used to help revise or translate text written by the author. Authors may use AI in the development of abstracts submitted for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 under the following conditions:

- Any use of AI in connection with the conduct of the study underlying the abstract must be described in the Methods section of the abstract.
- Any use of AI to produce new text or other material for an abstract must be disclosed in a sentence at the end of the abstract body.
- All abstract authors are fully responsible for reviewing their completed abstract (regardless of how the abstract was written) to verify the accuracy and integrity of all statements prior to submission.

The complete AACR policy regarding the use of AI in the development of abstracts and manuscripts for publication is available on the AACR Journals website.

Abstract Control Number and Abstract Presentation Number

An Abstract Control Number (e.g., 26-A-1234-AACR) will be assigned to each abstract submitted online and will be listed on all email correspondence regarding the abstract. Please refer to the Abstract Control Number in any abstract communications.

The Control Number is for internal reference only. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, it will be assigned a permanent Presentation Number that will be used to identify it in all online and PDF abstract materials. Please place the Presentation Number on your poster and use it in citations of your published abstract. Do not place the Control Number on your poster.

Financial Relationships of Coauthors

The AACR collects information on the financial relationships of all meeting presenters and abstract authors. You will be asked to disclose your financial relationships and the financial relationships of each of your coauthors. For more information on financial relationships, visit [AACR.org/CME](https://www.aacr.org/CME).

Sponsor Permission and Information

Each abstract must be sponsored by an AACR member. You must secure the permission of the sponsor before submitting the abstract. For details, see the "Abstract Sponsorship Regulations" on page 29.

Length of Abstracts

The combined length of the abstract body, title, and tables may not exceed 2,600 characters, not including spaces and the author string. Tables count for 800 characters against the limit. Submission cannot be completed for abstracts that exceed this limit.

Abstract Category, Subcategory, and Subclassification

You must select a category, subcategory, and subclassification for your abstract. See pages 31–35 for details.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS *(cont'd)*

Disclosure of Chemical Structures

Chemical compounds are defined as low-molecular-weight (generally <1500 g/mol) organic or inorganic molecules, peptides, or proteins/nucleic acids cocrystallized with low-molecular-weight molecules. If chemical compounds were used to generate the data in the abstract, the corresponding author is encouraged but not required to disclose the complete chemical structures of the compounds used at the time of presentation at the meeting.

Submission Fee

Each abstract submitted must be accompanied by a US\$85 abstract submission fee. The submission fee can be paid by credit card or check. The fee is nonrefundable regardless of the final disposition of the abstract.

Abstract Deadline

The deadline for abstract submissions is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Tuesday, November 18, 2025**. Abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be considered by the Program Committee. **No significant changes may be made to abstracts after the November 18, 2025, deadline.**

NOTE: Submitting an abstract for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 does not constitute registration for the meeting. Abstract presenters must register to attend the meeting at AACR.org/AACR2026.

Late-Breaking Abstract Deadline

The deadline for late-breaking abstracts is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Monday, January 12, 2026**. Abstracts detailing highly significant and timely findings in any area of cancer research that were not available at the time of the regular abstract deadline will be considered for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Only those abstracts that are deemed to be of high scientific priority will be accepted.

Abstract submission fees and sponsorship regulations also apply to late-breaking abstracts.

Clinical Trials Abstract Deadline

The deadline for clinical trials abstracts (including placeholder abstracts) is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Monday, January 12, 2026**. Final data for placeholder abstracts are due by 12:00 noon U.S. ET, **Tuesday, February 10, 2026**. Abstract submission fees and sponsorship regulations also apply to clinical trials abstracts.

Publication Opportunities

Abstract authors are welcome to submit manuscripts based on their meeting abstracts to AACR journals for consideration for publication. Manuscripts submitted by the following deadlines can be considered for publication simultaneously with the AACR Annual Meeting, provided major revisions are not required:

- **January 27, 2025:** Deadline for manuscripts based on regular abstracts (submitted by November 18, 2025)
- **February 24, 2025:** Deadline for manuscripts based on clinical trial and late-breaking abstracts (submitted by January 12, 2026)

In addition, manuscripts can be considered for publication beyond the simultaneous opportunity. For more information on all publication opportunities in an AACR journal, please read the FAQ (AACRJournals.org/pages/am2026-faq) or contact the AACR Publishing Division at aacrpublishings@aacr.org.

Presentation of Proffered Papers at the AACR Annual Meeting

Every proffered abstract that has been accepted for publication in the online *Proceedings* must have a corresponding in-person presentation at the meeting. Specifically, the author listed as the presenter for an accepted proffered paper must attend the corresponding session to discuss in detail the research outlined in the published abstract, according to the specific guidelines of the session. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the designated presenter is unavailable to attend the session to present the paper, he or she must contact the AACR Scientific Programs Department to designate a coauthor to serve as the presenter. If no abstract authors are available to present the data, the presenter must withdraw the abstract immediately by contacting the AACR Scientific Programs Department at abstractchanges@aacr.org.

Please note that proffered abstract sessions will not be CME-accredited; accordingly, there are no restrictions regarding presenting authors.

Failure to comply with these regulations pertaining to abstract presentation may result in actions including, but not limited to:

- The withdrawal of the abstract from the session
- The removal of the abstract from the online *Proceedings*
- The loss of future sponsorship privileges for the sponsor of the abstract
- The loss of future abstract submission/authorship privileges for the presenter of the abstract

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS *(cont'd)*

Deadline for Withdrawal of Abstracts

Requests to withdraw regular abstracts will be accepted through **Thursday, February 19, 2026**. Requests to withdraw late-breaking or clinical trials abstracts will be accepted through **Friday, March 6, 2026**. Withdrawal requests must be sent by email to abstractchanges@aacr.org. Withdrawal requests must include the Abstract Control Number and title as well as an explanation of the reason for withdrawal.

Abstract Sponsorship Regulations

Expanded Abstract Sponsorship Privileges for AACR Members

Members must be in good standing in order to sponsor and endorse abstracts for presentation (see below for details). To be in good standing for the November 18 regular abstract deadline, member dues must be paid in full through 2025. To be in good standing for the January 12 late-breaking and clinical trials abstract deadline, member dues must be paid in full through 2026. Associate, Honorary, and Emeritus Members are exempt from the payment of dues; therefore, this regulation does not apply to them.

1. Each abstract submitted for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting must be sponsored by an Active, Emeritus, Honorary, Affiliate, or Associate AACR Member in good standing (dues paid or eligibility recertified). (Student members are not eligible to sponsor an abstract.)
2. An Active, Emeritus, or Honorary Member may sponsor an unlimited number of abstracts and may use his or her sponsorship privileges in two ways: (a) to sponsor abstracts on which he or she is listed as an author, or (b) to sponsor abstracts submitted by colleagues on which he or she is not listed as an author.
3. An Associate Member in good standing may sponsor one abstract for each submission deadline provided that (a) he or she is the presenter of the abstract, and (b) an Active, Emeritus, or Honorary Member in good standing endorses the work. Active, Emeritus, and Honorary Members may endorse an unlimited number of abstracts.

4. An Affiliate Member in good standing may sponsor one abstract for each submission deadline provided that he or she is the presenter of the abstract. (Affiliate Members are not required to provide an endorser.)
5. Permission to list an AACR member as a sponsor or endorser must be obtained prior to selecting the sponsor/endorser in the Online Abstract Submission System. Individuals listed as sponsors of abstracts will receive a notification of sponsorship selection via email.
6. The sponsor must verify the content, authenticity, and quality of the abstract. Sponsorship of an abstract implies support for the data and the interpretations contained therein.

COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUTHORS. Adherence to these rules will be strictly enforced. Violations will result in the rejection of the abstract by the Program Committee.

Deadlines for Applying for AACR Membership to Sponsor Abstracts

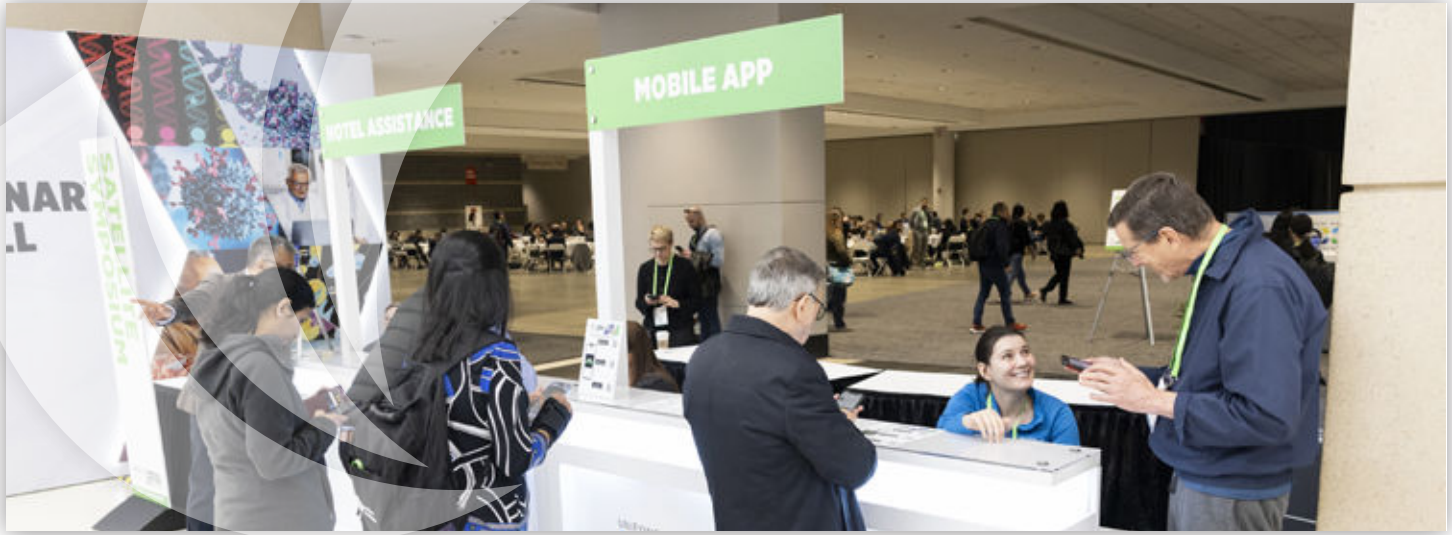
Current nonmembers who wish to apply for AACR membership in order to sponsor an abstract for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 must submit their applications by the following deadlines:

- **Regular Abstracts (November 18 submission deadline):** Member applications are due **Tuesday, October 21**
- **Clinical Trial/Late-Breaking Abstracts (January 12 submission deadline):** Member applications are due **Wednesday, December 10**

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MEETING RESOURCES



AACR Annual Meeting Program/Navigation

AACR Annual Meeting attendees can use the following electronic and print resources to plan their itineraries and navigate the meeting:

- **Online Itinerary Planner (tentatively available February 19, 2026).** Search all AACR Annual Meeting presentations (including all proffered abstracts beginning March 17, 2026) by author/speaker, title word, and keyword and create a personal itinerary for the meeting. Personal itineraries created in the Itinerary Planner can be exported as an iCalendar file into attendees' personal Outlook, Google Calendar, or Apple iCal applications. Itineraries can also be imported into the AACR Annual Meeting App (see below).
- **AACR Annual Meeting App (tentatively available March 30, 2026).** Attendees can carry the AACR Annual Meeting wherever they go—with or without a network connection. The AACR Annual Meeting App is available in native versions to serve users of iPhone, iPad, and Android devices and also in a browser-based version for use on most web-enabled smartphones and tablets.

Once downloaded, all App content and functionality is stored locally on the user's Apple or Android device and can be accessed without an Internet connection—including the full text of more than 6,500 abstracts. Users can search, browse, and select sessions to create a personal itinerary for the meeting.

They can also import their itineraries from the Online Itinerary Planner (see above).
- **Printable PDF Program Guide (available April 10, 2026).** The PDF *Program Guide* will contain the dates, times, locations, and titles of all AACR Annual Meeting sessions, the names of the chairs and invited speakers in each session, and the titles of all invited presentations. More detailed program information (including the Minisymposium and Poster Session presentations) is available in the online planner and app versions of the program (see above).

Please Note: The *Program Guide* is no longer available in print format. Program information will be available in the online planner, the meeting app, and in a printable PDF format.

Please Note: Poster and exhibit information is available to attendees through the meeting app, the online planner, and the online exhibitor directory.

AACR Annual Meeting Abstracts/E-posters

The following electronic resources are available to attendees who wish to access the proffered abstracts accepted for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting:

- **E-Posters.** All posters presented at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 will also be available in an electronic format. E-posters will be made available to registered Annual Meeting attendees after the start of the meeting and will remain available through October 2026.
- **Online *Proceedings*/Itinerary Planner (abstracts available 4:30 p.m. ET March 17, 2026).** The Online *Proceedings*/Itinerary Planner provides fully searchable access to the full text of all proffered abstracts (see above).
- **AACR Annual Meeting App (tentatively available March 30, 2026).** The full text of all proffered abstracts is stored natively in the AACR Annual Meeting App (see above).
- **PDF *Proceedings* (available April 7, 2026).** The PDF edition of the *Proceedings* of the AACR Annual Meeting contains the full text of all regular proffered abstracts (clinical trials and late-breaking abstracts are not included) and can be downloaded to devices such as the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Sony Reader, and the Barnes & Noble Nook.
- **Online Supplement to *Cancer Research* (available April 3, 2026).** All presented abstracts will be published as an online-only supplement to the AACR journal *Cancer Research*. Regular abstracts will be published on April 3, 2026, and clinical trial and late-breaking abstracts will be published on April 17, 2026.

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES



The AACR Annual Meeting 2026 abstract categories, along with their related subcategories and subclassifications, are listed below. When you use the Abstract Submission System, these options will be available for your selection. Please choose the appropriate category, subcategory, and subclassification that best describe the scientific content of the abstract and the particular scientific audience you wish to reach. This information will be utilized by the members of the Program Committee in their review of abstracts and planning of sessions at the AACR Annual Meeting 2026. Please note that these abstract categories may or may not be used as AACR Annual Meeting session titles. Before making your selection, please scan the entire list for the most appropriate abstract category, subcategory, and subclassification. The regular abstract submission deadline is **November 18, 2025 (11:59 p.m. ET)** and the late-breaking and clinical trials abstract submission deadline is **January 12, 2026 (11:59 p.m. ET)**.

The abstract categories are listed in alphabetical order.

BCS Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, Artificial Intelligence, and Data Science

BCS01 Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Systems Biology (See also MCB08: Genomics)

Analytic pipeline optimization
Application of bioinformatics to cancer biology
Database resources
Digital pathology
Integration of clinical and research data
Integrative computational approaches
Liquid biopsy: Multi-analyte and multi-omic
Mathematical modeling
Molecular and whole cell modeling
Network biology and precision medicine
New algorithms
New software tools for data analysis
Sequence analysis
Statistical methods
Other

BCS02 Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Data Science

Agentic AI
Bias and fairness assessment of AI/ML models
Large language models (LLMs) for biomedical research and application
New dataset for training and evaluating AI/ML models
Radiomics and AI in medical imaging
Other

CH Chemistry

CH01 Drug Discovery and Development

Basic and applied nanotechnology and therapeutics
Chemoinformatics, in silico screening, and computational methods
Drug delivery
Drug design
High-throughput screening (assays and libraries)
Lead identification and optimization
Natural products
Synthesis, metabolism, and disposition
Targeted protein degradation
Other

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CH02 Proteomics and Mass Spectrometry

Biological mass spectrometry and systems biology
Proteomics and biomarker discovery
Proteomics and signaling networks
Other

CH03 Structural and Chemical Biology

Small molecule, protein, and nucleic acid interactions
Target identification, small molecule probes, and libraries
X-ray and NMR structures
Other

CL Clinical Research: Solid Tumors and Hematologic Malignancies

(not including clinical trials, see also the Clinical Trials [CT] categories)

CL01 Biomarkers and Early Detection

Biomarkers predictive of therapeutic benefit
Diagnostic biomarkers
Early detection biomarkers
Liquid biopsies: Circulating nucleic acids
Liquid biopsies: Circulating tumor cells
Metastasis biomarkers
Prognostic biomarkers
Spatial proteomics and transcriptomics
Other

CL02 Biostatistics in Clinical Trials

Design and analysis of clinical trials
New study designs: Theory, methodology, and modeling
Statistical modeling for cancer studies
Other

CL03 Clinical Research in Geriatric Oncology

Aging, immunity, and cancer
Other

CL04 Clinical Research and Cancer Disparities in Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Other Underserved Populations

Biobanking/biospecimen collection
Clinical trial design
Community-engaged research/community-based participatory research
Community outreach and engagement
Other

CL05 Immuno-oncology

(See also ET01: Biological Therapeutic Agents; IM01: Preclinical Immunotherapy)

Adoptive cell therapy
Combination immunotherapies
Immune checkpoints
Immune mechanisms invoked by other therapies including chemotherapy
Immune mechanisms invoked by radiation therapy
Immune monitoring/clinical correlates
Immune response to therapies
Immunomodulatory agents and interventions
Inflammation, immunity, and cancer
Modifiers of the tumor microenvironment
Therapeutic antibodies, including engineered antibodies
Vaccines (oncolytic and prophylactic)
Other

CL06 Pediatric Cancer – Clinical Investigations

(See also CT07: Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer; TB05: Pediatric Cancer – Basic Science)

Adolescent and young adult oncology
Childhood cancer drug development
Immunotherapeutic approaches to pediatric cancer
Pediatric cancer predisposition and surveillance
Survivorship, late effects, and second cancers
Therapeutic dosing, resistance, and combination therapy application
Translational pediatric cancer research
Other

CL07 Precision Oncology

Combination therapy
Molecular targeted therapy
Other

CL08 Radiation Oncology

(See TB06: Radiation Science; ET08: Preclinical Radiotherapeutics)
Clinical radiotherapeutic studies
Interventional radiology
Modification of radiosensitivity
Radiation therapy combinations
Radiation-induced late effects/second cancers
Radiation-induced resistance
Other

CL09 Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence

Analyses using clinico-genomic databases
Clinical informatics and data science
Retrospective clinical analyses
Other

CL10 Surgical Oncology (including Prophylactic Surgery)

Surgical intervention in early-stage disease
Surgical intervention in late-stage disease
Surgical outcomes after neoadjuvant therapy
Surgical palliation for local control
Surgical prophylaxis for high risk populations

CL11 Survivorship Research

Biology of cell and tissue damage
Cardio-oncology
Comparative effectiveness research and cost-effective studies
Late effects of cancer and its treatment, including second cancers
Psycho-oncology
Supportive care, palliation, and pain management
Translational survivorship research
Other

CL12 Translational Research – Molecular Biology in Clinical Oncology

(See also TB02: In Vivo Imaging and Anatomical and Molecular Pathology)

Clinical imaging
Cytogenetics and clinical molecular genetics
Epigenetic therapy
Functional and molecular imaging
Molecular classification of tumors
Radiomics
Theranostics
Tumor staging: Correlation of clinical and molecular markers
Other

CT Clinical Trials: Solid Tumors and Hematologic Malignancies

CT01 Clinical Trials in Progress

Phase I clinical trials in progress
Phase II clinical trials in progress
Phase III clinical trials in progress

CT02 Phase 0 Clinical Trials

Phase 0 clinical trials

CT03 First-in-Human Phase I Clinical Trials

First-in-human phase I clinical trials

CT04 Phase I Adult Clinical Trials

(See also ET07: Pharmacology, Pharmacogenetics, and Pharmacogenomics)
Phase I adult clinical trials

CT05 Phase II Adult Clinical Trials

Phase II adult clinical trials

CT06 Phase III Adult Clinical Trials

Phase III adult clinical trials

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CT07 Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer (See also CL07: Pediatric Cancer Clinical Investigations; TB05: Pediatric Cancer Basic Science)

Phase I clinical trials in pediatric cancer
 Phase II clinical trials in pediatric cancer
 Phase III clinical trials in pediatric cancer

EN Endocrinology

EN01 Molecular, Preclinical, and Clinical Endocrinology

Clinical studies of endocrine-related tumors
 Growth factors, receptors, and signal transduction
 Hormone receptors and diagnosis/prognosis
 Hormone signaling and inhibitors
 Neuroendocrine tumors and other endocrine factors
 Nuclear receptors: Structure and function
 Preclinical studies of endocrine-related cancers
 Receptors and signal transduction
 Steroid hormone receptors
 Other

ET Experimental and Molecular Therapeutics

ET01 Biological Therapeutic Agents (See also CL05: Immuno-oncology; IM01: Preclinical Immunotherapy)

Antireceptors
 Apoptosis: Therapeutic manipulation
 Growth factor receptors and other surface antigens as targets for therapy
 Oncogenes, tumor suppressor genes, and gene products as targets for therapy
 Protein kinases and phosphatases as targets for therapy
 Role of microenvironment in therapeutic response
 Other

ET02 Drug Discovery

Antibody technologies
 Biochemical modulators of the therapeutic index
 Combination chemotherapy

Differentiation therapy
 Drug repurposing
 New targets
 Novel assay technology
 Novel drug delivery systems
 Targeting the tumor microenvironment in drug development
 Other

ET03 Drug Resistance

Drug resistance in molecular targeted therapies
 Drug transport and metabolism
 Novel mechanisms
 Regulation of gene expression in drug resistance
 Reversal of drug resistance
 Other

ET04 Gene and Vector-Based Therapy

Antisense molecules
 Gene therapy and radiation studies
 Immune modulators
 Vector systems and targeting strategies
 Other

ET05 Mechanisms of Drug Action

Cell cycle mechanisms of anticancer drug action
 Cellular responses to anticancer drugs
 Role of the microenvironment in therapeutic response
 Other

ET06 Molecular Targets

Cell death pathways and treatment
 DNA damage response and modulation of DNA repair
 Identification of molecular targets
 Molecular classification of tumors for diagnostics, prognostics, and therapeutic outcomes
 New nonclinical models for targets
 Other

ET07 Pharmacology, Pharmacogenetics, and Pharmacogenomics (See also CT04: Phase I Adult Clinical Trials)

Cellular pharmacology
 Molecular pharmacology
 Pharmacogenetics and therapeutic response
 Pharmacogenomics

Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics
 Preclinical toxicology
 Other

ET08 Preclinical Radiotherapeutics (See also TB06: Radiation Science; CL08: Radiation Oncology)

Interactions of new agents with radiation
 Modification of radiosensitivity
 Molecular targets of radiation response
 Normal tissue/cellular stress responses to radiation
 Radioprotectors and radiosensitizers
 Radiotherapeutic combinations
 Theranostics/radiotheranostics
 Other

ET09 Small Molecule Therapeutic Agents

DNA-reactive agents
 Epigenetic targets
 HDAC and methyltransferase inhibitors
 Molecular glues
 Novel antitumor agents
 Novel targets and pathways
 PI3K/AKT inhibitors
 Platinum complexes
 Proteasome inhibitors
 Targeted protein degraders
 Topoisomerases
 Tubulin agents
 Tyrosine kinase and phosphatase inhibitors
 Other

IM Immunology

IM01 Preclinical Immunotherapy (See also CL05: Immuno-oncology; ET01: Biological Therapeutic Agents)

Adoptive cell therapy
 Combination immunotherapies
 Immune checkpoints
 Immune mechanisms invoked by other therapies including chemotherapy
 Immune mechanisms invoked by radiation therapy
 Immune monitoring/clinical correlates
 Immune response to therapies
 Immunomodulatory agents and interventions
 Inflammation, immunity, and cancer

Modifiers of the tumor microenvironment
 Therapeutic antibodies, including engineered antibodies
 Vaccines (oncolytic and prophylactic)
 Other

IM02 Tumor Immunobiology

Adaptive immunity in tumors
 Epigenetic regulation of tumor immunity
 Inflammation and cancer: Metastasis
 Inflammation and cancer: Tumor initiation and progression
 Innate immunity to tumors
 Microbiome, inflammation, and cancer
 Novel animal models
 Oncogenic pathway-mediated regulation of inflammation and tumor immunity
 Tumor antigenicity/processing and presentation
 Tumor-induced immune suppression: Extrinsic factors
 Tumor-induced immune suppression: Intrinsic factors
 Other

IM03 Virology and Cancer

Molecular mechanisms of viral oncogenesis
 Viruses and cancer (e.g. HPV, EBV, HIV)

MCB Molecular/Cellular Biology and Genetics

MCB01 Cell Cycle

CDKs and CDK inhibitors
 Cell cycle checkpoints
 Control of cell cycle progression
 Telomeres and telomerase
 Other

MCB02 Cell Death

Apoptosis
 Autophagy
 Bcl-2 family proteins
 Caspases
 Effects on mitochondria/mitochondrial function
 Inhibitor of apoptosis (IAP) family proteins
 Necrosis and necroptosis
 Transcriptional control of apoptosis
 Other

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MCB03 Cell Growth Signaling Pathways

Cell signaling
Cell-cell interactions
Growth factors
GTPases, their regulators, and effectors
Kinases and phosphatases
Receptors
Tumor-stromal cell interactions
Ubiquitin and ubiquitin-like proteins
Other

MCB04 Cellular Stress Responses

Hypoxia
Oxidative stress
Premature cellular aging
Senescence
Unfolded protein response
Other

MCB05 DNA Damage Response and Modulation of DNA Repair

Chromosomal structural alterations/translocations
Genomic instability
Homologous recombination
Mechanisms of genomic alterations
Radiation-induced DNA damage
Other

MCB06 Epigenetics and Epigenomics

Chromatin structure and function
DNA methylation
Epigenetic changes as molecular markers of cancer
Epigenetics and cellular aging
Epigenomics
Gene silencing
Histone modification
Other

MCB07 Gene Regulation and Transcription Factors

Chromatin structure and function
Gene expression
Mechanisms of transcription
Oncogenic transcription factors
Posttranscriptional and translational control
Promoters and enhancers of transcription
Protein-protein interactions in transcription factor function
Regulation of transcription factor function
Transcriptional control of cell differentiation
Other

MCB08 Genomics (See also BCS01: Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Systems Biology)

Functional genomics
Genomic profiling of tumors
High-throughput sequencing
Large-scale approaches to cancer gene discovery
Microarrays
Other

MCB09 Metabolism and Cancer

Metabolic pathways
Metabolic reprogramming
Metabolomics
Mitochondrial function
Signaling pathways that regulate metabolism
Other

MCB10 microRNAs and Other Noncoding RNAs

Epigenetic control of miRNA expression
miRNA profiling in cancer
miRNA regulation of cancer biology
miRNA-based diagnostics
miRNA-based therapeutics
miRNAs as tumor suppressors/oncogenes
Noncoding RNAs
Other

MCB11 Oncogenes and Tumor Suppressor Genes

Cytoplasmic signal transducers
Genotype/phenotype correlations
Nuclear oncoproteins and tumor suppressor genes
Oncogene growth factors and their receptors
Tumor suppressor genes
Other

PS Population Sciences

PS01 Population Sciences

Aging as a risk factor
Biomarkers of endogenous or exogenous exposures, early detection, and biologic effects
Biomarkers of prognosis
Cancer disparities research
Diet, alcohol, tobacco use, and other lifestyle risk factors

Environmental and occupational risk factors

Epidemiology, covering cancer incidence, mortality, clusters, and trends

Familial and hereditary cancers

Functional studies of genetic variants

Gene-gene and gene-environment interactions

Genome-wide association studies (GWAS)/post-GWAS

Health services and comparative effectiveness research

Implementation science (including global health)

Infection and immune factors

Next-generation sequencing in epidemiology studies (whole genome, exome, targeted, or fine-mapping)

Pathway and candidate gene studies of risk or prognosis

Pharmacoepidemiology

Preneoplastic and tumor markers

Primary and secondary intervention studies

Psychosocial and behavioral epidemiology

Risk prediction models for incidence, prognosis, and/or mortality

Screening and early detection

Statistical and epidemiological methodology

Survivorship research

Other

PR Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception

PR01 Clinical Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception

Application of molecular pathology in clinical prevention

Biomarkers and intervention studies

Cancer disparities research

Cancer surveillance and screening studies

Chemoprevention clinical trials

Early detection and imaging

Genomics and proteomics in cancer risk and response assessment

Infections and virus-related cancers

Microbiome and prevention

Obesity, diet, physical activity, and energy balance

Prevention and treatment of premalignant lesions (intraepithelial neoplasia)

Prevention of second cancers

Quality of life/late effects/survivorship

Recruitment of racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations in clinical prevention trials

Screening and early detection

Other

PR02 Preclinical Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception

Animal models in prevention

Behavioral sciences and prevention

Biological and biochemical mechanisms in prevention

Biomarkers and intervention studies

Cancer communication and decision making

Cellular models

Chemoprevention studies

Diet, nutrition, and cancer

Microbiome and prevention

Molecular markers in prevention research

Molecular targets for prevention

New agent development

Screening and early detection

Other

RSP Regulatory Science and Policy

RSP01 Regulatory Science and Policy

Biosimilars and generics

Clinical trial design and accrual

Combination therapies and codevelopment of investigational agents and diagnostics

Data science and informatics

International regulatory issues

Novel endpoints and biomarkers

Real-world evidence and retrospective analyses

Tobacco and e-cigarette regulation

Other

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SHP Science and Health Policy

SHP01 Science and Health Policy

Cancer disparities
 Cancer survivorship
 Implementation science (including global health)
 Patient advocacy and engagement
 Science communication to the public
 Value and cost issues in cancer care
 Other

SHP02 Patient Advocacy and Community Engagement

Patient advocacy and community engagement
 Other

TB Tumor Biology

TB01 Angiogenesis

Angiogenesis and angiogenesis inhibitors
 Host-tumor interactions
 Molecular mechanisms of angiogenesis
 Novel pro- and antiangiogenic factors
 Tumor microcirculation and the microenvironment
 Other

TB02 In Vivo Imaging and Anatomical and Molecular Pathology (See also CL12: Translational Research: Molecular Biology in Clinical Oncology)

Advanced nanotechnology and imaging
 Application of imaging technology to the clinic
 Imaging in animal models
 Imaging of molecular and cellular events in the tumor microenvironment
 Imaging of molecular and cellular events in tumors and tumor cells
 Imaging the immune response
 Imaging tumor metabolism
 New targets for imaging
 Other

TB03 Metastasis

Actin cytoskeleton
 Biomarkers of metastasis
 Epithelial/mesenchymal transition (EMT and MET)
 Expression profiling of tumor progression and metastasis
 Genes that regulate migration and invasion
 Imaging of tumor progression and metastasis
 Invasion and migration
 Metastasis-promoting genes
 Metastasis suppressor genes
 Premetastatic niche
 Therapeutic metastasis prevention
 Other

TB04 Nonclinical Models of Cancer

Ex vivo systems (tumor slice cultures)
 Humanized mouse models
 In vitro models (2D, 3D, organoids, spheroids)
 In vivo models (genetically engineered mouse models, PDXs, syngeneic models)
 Noninvasive imaging in animal models
 Zebrafish and alternative species models
 Other

TB05 Pediatric Cancer - Basic Science (See also CL06: Pediatric Cancer - Clinical Investigations; CT07: Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer)

Developmental origins and drivers of pediatric cancer
 Pediatric cancer genomics and epigenomics
 Pediatric cancer models
 Pediatric cancer tumor microenvironment and tumor heterogeneity
 Other

TB06 Radiation Science

(See also CL08: Radiation Oncology; ET08: Preclinical Radiotherapeutics)
 Modulators of radiation response
 Photobiology/photodynamic therapy
 Radiation dose fractionation
 Radiation-activated signaling pathways
 Radiation-induced gene expression
 Radiation-induced resistance
 Radiobiology research
 Radioprotectors and radiosensitizers
 Other

TB07 Stem Cell Biology

Adult stem cells
 Cancer stem cells
 Developmental pathways in cancer
 Embryonic stem cells
 Stem cell markers
 Stem cells and regenerative medicine in oncology
 Other

TB08 Tumor Adhesion

Cell adhesion and extracellular matrix
 Drug resistance
 Other

TB09 Tumor Evolution and Heterogeneity

Causes and consequences of tumor heterogeneity
 Clonal evolution
 Methods to measure tumor evolution and heterogeneity
 Other

TB10 Tumor Microenvironment

Aging tumor microenvironment
 Chemokines in the microenvironment
 Drug targets in the microenvironment
 Exosomes and other vesicles
 Extracellular matrix and integrins
 Gene expression in the microenvironment
 Immune cells in the tumor microenvironment
 Inflammation as a regulator of tumor growth
 Microbiome
 Organ-specific microenvironments
 Proteases and inhibitors in the microenvironment
 Spatial heterogeneity in the tumor microenvironment
 Tumor dormancy
 Tumor/stromal interactions
 Tumor-immune system interactions
 Other

AACR MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



AACR Membership: The Essential Association for You

With over 58,000 members in 143 countries and territories around the world and over 34% of members living outside the United States, the AACR is a dynamic and vibrant organization that offers its members opportunities to participate more fully in the global initiative to eliminate cancer. AACR membership is available to both senior and early-career investigators who conduct cancer research and related biomedical science, as well as to those health care professionals, research administrators, cancer survivors and advocates, students, and others who share the AACR’s vision and support our mission to prevent and cure cancer.

AACR membership promotes the professional growth of those in training, facilitates collaborations for established scientists, and supports everyone working in cancer research. Special rates are available to members located in countries building cancer research capacities. Visit AACR.org/Membership for more information.

Membership Application Deadlines for Abstract Sponsorship

AACR members have the exclusive benefit of being able to sponsor and endorse abstracts for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting. Members must be in good standing (dues paid or eligibility recertified) in order to take advantage of this member privilege. (Refer to page 29 for full details and instructions on sponsoring an abstract.)

Nonmember individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring an abstract for the AACR Annual Meeting must submit an application for membership no later than **October 21, 2025**. Individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring a clinical trial or late-breaking abstract must submit an application for membership no later than **December 10, 2025**.

AACR members play an integral role in achieving our mission and in advancing cancer research. We encourage our Active, Emeritus, and Honorary members to nominate colleagues, students, nurses, technicians, and others working in support of cancer research to join the AACR today!

Abstract Sponsorship

Membership Application Deadlines

October 21, 2025
December 10, 2025

Abstract Submission Deadlines

November 18, 2025
January 12, 2026
(Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials)

Scholar Awards

Award

Scholar-in-Training
Global Scholar-in-Training
Women in Cancer Research
Undergraduate Scholar
Early-Career Scholar in the Field of Cancer Research
Faculty Scholar in the Field of Cancer Research

Application Deadline

November 18, 2025
November 18, 2025
December 5, 2025
December 5, 2025
December 12, 2025
December 12, 2025

AACR MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *(cont'd)*

Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition Deadlines

Abstract Submission Deadline March 6, 2026
(Presenting Students)

Registration Deadline March 13, 2026
(Nonpresenting Students)

Special Program for High School Students: The Conquest of Cancer and the Next Generation of Cancer Researchers Deadlines

Abstract Submission Deadline March 6, 2026
(Presenting Students)

Registration Deadline March 13, 2026
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To learn more visit [AACR.org/ScienceEducation](https://www.aacr.org/ScienceEducation) or send an email to ScienceEducation@aacr.org.

AACR Membership Categories

Active Membership is open to investigators who have established a record of scholarly activity resulting in original peer-reviewed articles in publications relevant to cancer research and biomedical science.

Affiliate Membership is open to qualified individuals who are health professionals working in support of cancer research and biomedical science; survivors and advocates who are members of organizations whose mission includes the advancement of cancer research; educators; or other professionals who are interested in and/or make substantial contributions to the cancer field.

Associate Membership is open to graduate students, medical students and residents, and clinical and postdoctoral fellows who are enrolled in education or training programs that could lead to careers in cancer research and the related sciences. Annual dues are not required. (Important reminder: Associate members are required to recertify their eligibility in order to remain on the member rolls. Please log into [AACR.org/myAACR](https://www.aacr.org/myAACR) to retain your member exclusive benefits!)

Student Membership is open to persons who have an interest in cancer and the related biomedical sciences and who are enrolled in a program leading to a high school diploma or a bachelor's degree. Annual dues are not required.

Emeritus Membership is open to existing Active Members who have reached the age of 70 years, who are disabled, or who are retired.

Honorary Membership is open to distinguished individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of cancer research either through outstanding personal scientific activity or through exceptional leadership in cancer research. (Candidates for Honorary Membership are invited through a special selection process.)

Sustaining Membership is open to organizations in recognition of annual payment of dues and other substantial contributions in support of the mission and activities of the AACR. Annual dues are determined by the Sustaining Member level.

AACR Member Exclusive Benefits

Early Access to AACR Annual Meeting Housing Reservations

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 (9:00 a.m. U.S. ET) through Monday, September 24, 2025 (11:59 p.m. U.S. ET)

As a member exclusive benefit, AACR members in good standing (dues paid through December 31, 2025) are eligible to reserve hotel accommodations for the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 before reservations open to all attendees. Members may log into [AACR.org/myAACR](https://www.aacr.org/myAACR) to check dues status and make a payment using the secure AACR site. Nonmembers interested in joining the AACR and enjoying this exclusive member benefit will need to submit a membership application by September 9, 2025.

Hotel Reservations

CMR (Convention Management Resources) is the official hotel management company for the AACR Annual Meeting.

One hotel reservation is allowed per member effective September 16, 2025. Housing reservations open to the general public on September 25, 2025 (see pages 41-42). Members will need to provide the following information in order to secure a reservation:

- AACR member ID number
- Last name (as it appears in the AACR Membership records)

Members are encouraged to take advantage of early access to housing reservations before housing is made available to all attendees. Please contact the Membership and Professional Development Department at membership@aacr.org or 215-440-9300 and a membership representative will gladly assist with any questions. Not yet a member? Apply for membership at [AACR.org/myAACR](https://www.aacr.org/myAACR) and join us in the global conquest of cancer.

Membership Center

The AACR Membership Center provides a place where members can obtain information regarding their membership, join Association groups within the AACR, update contact information, pay annual dues, transfer to other categories of membership, and become familiar with new membership services.

Membership Booth at Registration

The Membership Booth in the Registration Area is a service center for AACR members to register, pay their dues, and learn more about membership during the meeting. Nonmembers are encouraged to take advantage of the special offer to join the AACR prior to registering for the meeting. Visit the Membership Booth at Registration for more details.

Member Appreciation Events

New Member Networking Mixer

The AACR is pleased to host a New Member Networking Mixer each year to welcome newly elected members into the association and provide them with an opportunity to meet and interact with the AACR leadership, network with colleagues, forge new relationships, and learn more about exclusive member benefits and how to get involved in the association.

Celebrating AACR Long-Term Members: Member Appreciation Breakfast

The AACR is pleased to recognize those scientists who have been members of the association for 25 years or more. The AACR board of directors extends its sincere and heartfelt thanks to these members for their devotion to cancer research and long participation in and support of the AACR. Long-term members are invited to join the AACR leadership and colleagues to reconnect and share memories while enjoying breakfast.

Commemorating AACR 50-Year Members and Honorary Members

Scientists who have reached the milestone of 50 years of AACR membership are recognized during the AACR Annual Meeting for their dedication to cancer research and continued support of AACR activities and programs. These distinguished members will be formally honored at the Annual Business Meeting of Members and celebrated throughout the meeting.

Contact the AACR Membership and Professional Development Department with any questions at 215-440-9300 or membership@aacr.org.

AACR Constituency Groups

The AACR strives to support the professional development and career advancement of members of AACR-Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) and AACR-Women in Cancer Research (WICR). Through the efforts of MICR and WICR, the AACR is working to increase the number, participation, visibility, and recognition of these investigators. Membership is open to all.

AACR-Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR)

MICR is a membership group within the AACR committed to preventing and curing cancer and eradicating cancer health disparities while meeting the professional needs and advancing the careers of MICR Members. It is led by the MICR Council, which is the advisory body to the AACR leadership on issues of concern to member investigators and is also responsible for spearheading initiatives and organizing activities of MICR through its committees.

MICR will present several exciting and engaging activities during the AACR Annual Meeting, including:

- **MICR Town Hall Meeting.** This session provides an opportunity for all attendees who support MICR to join the MICR Council in an informal discussion about current topics that have an impact on members in the cancer community.
- **MICR Scientific Symposium.** This symposium provides a platform for scientists to present the latest cutting-edge research on topics of relevance and concern to the cancer research community.
- **MICR Scholar Award Programs.** Two highly competitive scholar award programs are available to meritorious early-career researchers and faculty investigators in the field of cancer research that facilitate professional relationships and networking opportunities, enhance recognition, support professional and scientific development, and provide an opportunity to present and discuss research findings.
- **MICR Meet and Greet.** All AACR Annual Meeting attendees are invited to informally network with the MICR Council, Committee Members, and Scholar Awardees for one-on-one or group discussions.
- **MICR Networking and Resource Center.** The MICR Networking and Resource Center provides meeting attendees with a comfortable environment to network one-on-one and in small groups while learning about AACR and MICR programs as well as MICR membership and committee service opportunities.

AACR MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *(cont'd)*

- **MICR Distinguished Lectureship Series.** The AACR-MICR Distinguished Lectureship Series currently takes place twice a year in conjunction with the AACR Annual Meeting and with the annual AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities. The intention of this series is to bring leading cancer researchers with the latest science directly to faculty and students on their campuses in the host city of the conference while increasing the visibility and opportunities available through membership in the AACR.

All Annual Meeting attendees and MICR members are invited to learn more about MICR programs, committees, and other programs of interest by visiting **AACR.org/MICR** or emailing micr@aacr.org. Nonmembers are welcome to visit and join.

AACR-Women in Cancer Research (WICR)

AACR-Women in Cancer Research (WICR) is a membership group within the AACR committed to recognizing member's scientific achievements and fostering their career development and advancement in cancer research. It is led by the WICR Council, the advisory body to the AACR leadership on issues of concern to member investigators, which is also responsible for organizing the activities of WICR through its committees.

WICR activities taking place during the Annual Meeting include:

- **Professional Development Workshop: Women and Power.** Sponsored by The Victoria's Secret Global Fund for Women's Cancers, in partnership with Pelotonia and AACR-Women in Cancer Research.
- **WICR Town Hall Meeting.** This session provides an opportunity for all attendees who support WICR to have an informal discussion about WICR and other topics of interest.
- **WICR Scholar Award Program.** The WICR Scholar Award supports the attendance of early-career investigators at the AACR Annual Meeting. These awards are given annually to members of Women in Cancer Research who are scientists-in-training and presenters of meritorious scientific papers at this AACR Annual Meeting.
- **WICR Meet and Greet.** All AACR Annual Meeting attendees are invited to informally network with the WICR Council, Committee Members, and Scholar Awardees for one-on-one or group discussions.
- **WICR Networking and Resource Center.** The WICR Networking and Resource Center provides meeting attendees with a comfortable environment to network one-on-one and in small groups while learning about AACR and WICR programs as well as WICR membership and committee service opportunities.

All AACR Annual Meeting attendees and WICR members are invited to learn more about WICR programs, committees, and other programs of interest by visiting **AACR.org/WICR** or emailing wicr@aacr.org. Nonmembers are welcome to visit and join.

Supporting AACR Associate Members (Early-Career Researchers/Scientists)

With over 32,000 Associate members, the AACR supports the education, training, and professional development of early-career researchers/scientists who are graduate students, medical students and residents, and clinical and postdoctoral fellows, in the cancer field.

The AACR Associate Member Council (AMC) are Associate members of the AACR who are elected to serve as an advisory group to the AACR leadership and to present the needs and concerns of early-career researchers/scientists. The AMC works to support the AACR's mission to prevent and cure cancer by promoting the professional development of early-career researchers/scientists throughout the world and encouraging Associate member recruitment, retention, and engagement.

Opportunities for Associate Members During the AACR Annual Meeting 2026

Opportunities for Associate members taking place during the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 include:

- **Associate Member Meet and Greet.** Associate members can meet and network with other early-career attendees and Council members.
- **Early-career Associate Members 5K Team.** Join the Early-career Associate Members team and participate in the AACR Runners for Research 5K Run/Walk, build relationships among colleagues, and raise awareness and funds to support cancer research.
- **Recognition and Scholar Awards.** The AACR offers several scholar awards to meritorious early-career researchers residing anywhere in the world to assist them in attending the AACR Annual Meeting. Please refer to pages 23-24.

Science Education for the Next Generation of Cancer Researchers

(Opportunities for high school and undergraduate students)

AACR Undergraduate Scholar Awards

In its 29th year, this award program is highly competitive and intended to inspire young, third-year science students pursuing a bachelor's degree to enter the field of cancer research and provide a unique educational opportunity for these students in the development of their careers in science. To learn more about this award program, visit [AACR.org/UndergradAwards](https://aacr.org/UndergradAwards).

Application Deadline: December 5, 2025

21st Annual Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition

With more than 250 undergraduate student participants every year, the AACR Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition is the premier event for undergraduate students attending the AACR Annual Meeting. Now in its 21st year, this program provides undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students with the opportunity to learn more about current research in the cancer field, hear from investigators about educational pathways and career development, explore career options in the cancer field, and compete for the Margaret Foti Foundation Undergraduate Prizes for Cancer Research while presenting research. Undergraduates at all levels are welcome to participate in this highly anticipated program at no cost. To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please visit [AACR.org/ScienceEducation](https://aacr.org/ScienceEducation) or send an email to scienceeducation@aacr.org.

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 6, 2026
(Presenting Students)

Registration Deadline: March 13, 2026
(Nonpresenting Students)

AACR Special Program for High School Students: The Conquest of Cancer and the Next Generation of Cancer Researchers

The Special Program for High School Students promotes interactions between senior cancer scientists and promising students in order to facilitate the contributions of these students to scientific research and the conquest of cancer. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn about cancer research and careers in biomedical research and medicine. The session is free, but space is limited. Learn more at [AACR.org/HighSchoolProgram](https://aacr.org/HighSchoolProgram).

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 6, 2026
(Presenting Students)

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HOUSING



Hotel Reservations

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Hotel reservations for the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 will open at 9:00 a.m. U.S. ET on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, for all AACR members in good standing. Housing for nonmember attendees will open at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025. The deadline for making hotel reservations is Friday, March 6, 2026. After the deadline, registrants may be required to make their own housing arrangements.

You may reserve your hotel room in one of the following ways:

Online: Visit the AACR Annual Meeting website at **AACR.org/AACR2026** to reserve your hotel room online. Please note that you must supply a credit card in order to reserve a room online. You will find descriptions, amenity information, and photographs for each AACR official hotel. Additionally, a map showing the location of all hotels and the San Diego Convention Center is available on the AACR Housing website. Visit the AACR

Housing website to get up-to-the-minute availability and receive immediate confirmation of your hotel reservation.

Phone: AACR Housing agents will be available to accept reservations as well as provide information on the official AACR hotels Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. U.S. ET. You will be required to supply a credit card if you reserve your hotel room by phone. Once your reservation is complete, you will receive immediate confirmation by email. AACR Housing can be reached toll-free in the U.S. and Canada at 888-381-7166 or for international callers at 415-979-2262. When calling AACR Housing be certain to have the following information:

- Arrival and departure dates
- Hotel preferences
- Credit card number
- Your address, phone number, and email address
- Any special requests

The AACR is aware that one or more unauthorized companies are using deceptive advertising methods to direct users to fraudulent websites that offer housing and registration for the AACR Annual Meeting 2026. Please note that AACR.org/AACR2026 is the only website through which users can register to attend the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 and confirm a hotel room. AACR cannot guarantee your registration or housing if you purchase services using an illegitimate website.

Guarantee

Reservations must be guaranteed with either a major credit card (AMEX, Visa, or MasterCard) or a check in the amount of \$300 per guestroom and \$700 per suite. Make checks payable to Convention Management Resources, Inc. If using a credit card, the card will not be charged until the check-out date. You must present a credit card upon check-in.

Changes and Cancellations

Changes and cancellations can be made:

- Online at the AACR Housing website at **AACR.org/AACR2026**
- By emailing your change or cancellation to AACRSupport@cmrus.com
- By calling AACR Housing at 888-381-7166 or 415-979-2262
- By faxing your change or cancellation to 415-293-4397

Your credit card will be charged one night's room plus tax or your check deposit will be forfeited if you cancel your reservation less than 72 hours before your confirmed arrival date. If you fail to arrive on the date confirmed by AACR Housing, your credit card will be charged one night's room plus tax or your check will be forfeited. All subsequent nights of the reservation will be cancelled.

Hospitality Suites

Suites are for sleeping accommodation only and may not be used for meetings or events without prior written permission from the AACR. For these types of events, please complete the AACR Affiliate Event Space Request Form. If you would like a copy of this form, please contact AACR Housing at 888-381-7166, 415-979-2262, or via email at AACRSupport@cmrus.com.

Group Reservations

Organizations wishing to hold a block of rooms must use the Group Housing Form, which can be obtained by visiting **AACR.org/AACR2026** and clicking on the Housing link. Exhibitors may request rooms in the AACR room block and must submit an Exhibitor Room Block Request Form, which can be accessed from **AACR.org/AACR2026**. Please adhere to all rules and regulations to facilitate processing.

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TRAVEL



Air Transportation

The San Diego International Airport (airport code: SAN) is the major airport in the San Diego region and offers multiple U.S. and international flights daily. San Diego is also served by Amtrak.

Corporate Traveler Air Travel Office

Need assistance with your travel plans? AACR recommends Corporate Traveler, our air travel assistance vendor.

- Email: samantha.pfister@corporatetraveler.us and hazel.vertley@corporatetraveler.us
- \$35 service fee applies
- Business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. ET
- Emergency after hours: 703-236-1220

Assistance for International Travelers

An official letter of invitation is available through the online registration system. Contact the American Consulate in your country to review the current regulations for travel to the United States. Please begin the visa application process as early as possible. Information is available on the U.S. Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov.

Ground Transportation

Taxi Service

San Diego International Airport is located 3 miles from the San Diego Convention Center. Many companies provide taxicab service at San Diego International Airport. If you need a taxi, simply follow the signs leading to the Transportation Plazas. A Customer Service Representative will place you with the first available taxi, unless you specify a particular taxicab company.

Public Transportation

- Travelers headed to and from San Diego International Airport can connect with Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner and the COASTER at Amtrak's Santa Fe Depot train station downtown by using Metropolitan Transit System Route 992, which operates between 5:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends and holidays.
- The COASTER operates every day with trips throughout the day to Old Town and North San Diego County. Tickets may be purchased at ticket vending machines on the Santa Fe Depot station platform, online at GoNCTD.com, or via the COASTER Mobile App.
- For additional information on connecting transit, fares, personalized travel planning, and disabled services, call 760-966-6500 or visit www.gonctd.com/coaster.
- For additional information on Amtrak service in San Diego, visit the Santa Fe Depot train station, telephone 1-800-USA-RAIL, or visit www.amtrak.com or www.amtrakcalifornia.com

Airport Shuttle

Shuttle service is available at the Transportation Plazas across from Terminals 1 and 2. From Terminal 1, cross the skybridge and take the escalators or the elevators to street level. From Terminal 2, use the pedestrian crosswalk conveniently located outside the Terminal 2 Baggage Claim Area to access the Transportation Plaza. A Customer Service Representative will place you with the first available shuttle unless you specify a particular shuttle company.

Listed below are shuttle companies frequently used by travelers. Policies, services, and rates are subject to change.

EZ Ride Shuttle

1-800-777-0585 • 858-531-8171 • EZrideshuttle.com

Sea Breeze Shuttle

619-297-7463 • Seabreezeshuttle.com

GO Airport Shuttle

1-773-363-0001 • 1-844-787-1670 • GOwithUs.com

Prime Time Shuttle

1-800-733-8267 • 310-536-7922 • PrimeTimeShuttle.com

AACR Shuttle Service

The AACR will provide complimentary shuttle service during the meeting dates for all official AACR Annual Meeting hotels not within walking distance of the San Diego Convention Center. When available, the hotel shuttle schedule will be posted on **AACR.org/Travel** and will include shuttle hours of operation and the designated route number for each hotel.

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Opportunities to Support the AACR Foundation

The AACR Foundation welcomes support from corporations, foundations, individuals, and other organizations that share its mission and are interested in helping to defray the costs of presenting this important international meeting on the latest developments in cancer research. For a complete list of support opportunities and their many benefits, please contact the AACR Foundation's corporate alliances team at corporaterequests@aacr.org.

Fellows of the AACR Academy

The AACR Academy was established in 2013 to honor distinguished scientists whose major scientific contributions have propelled significant innovation and progress against cancer. Those elected, known as Fellows of the AACR Academy, constitute a global brain trust of individuals who are instrumental in advancing the mission of the AACR to prevent and cure all cancers through research, education, communication, collaboration, science policy and advocacy, and funding for cancer research.

The Fellows of the AACR Academy are currently led by Dr. Elaine V. Fuchs (2025-2027 AACR Academy President) and a Steering Committee of additional Fellows who serve as the collective voice for all Fellows of the AACR Academy, while providing ongoing advice and counsel to the AACR leadership on timely and significant scientific and policy topics as well as other matters of importance to the cancer field.

The next elected class of prestigious Fellows of the AACR Academy will be formally recognized during the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 Opening Ceremony, scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 19.

Satellite Educational Symposia

Satellite Educational Symposia will be held in conjunction with the AACR Annual Meeting. These CME-accredited events are supported by parties other than the AACR and are not part of the official program of the AACR Annual Meeting. Presentations included in Satellite Educational Symposia represent the opinions of the presenter and do not represent the position or the opinion of the AACR or its members. Symposia are evaluated by the Satellite Educational Symposia Committee to ensure that the educational content will enhance that provided by the official AACR scientific program. Additional information is available at AACR.org/satellite26.

Registration

Online registration for the AACR Annual Meeting 2026 will open on October 28, 2025. At that time, a complete list of registration options and rates will be posted to the AACR website at AACR.org/AACR2026.

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