

TIC-CON25

Research Symposium

Request for Presentations (RFP)

Deadline: March 19, 2025

The Tourette Association of America (TAA) invites you to submit a proposal for our 2025 national conference, TIC-CON. The virtual conference will be held **June 20-22, 2025**.

Founded in 1972, the TAA is the only national organization serving the community, and works to raise awareness, advance research, and provide ongoing support to patients and families impacted by Tourette Syndrome and other Tic Disorders. To this end, the TAA directs a network of 31 Chapters, 83 support groups and recognizes 29 Centers of Excellence across the country. The TAA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

TIC-CON 2025 will be presented in two segments:

- A **Research Symposium** featuring the latest innovations in the neurobiological understanding of TS and innovative treatment approaches under development.
 - This RFP is for the **Research Symposium**, taking place on **June 20, 2025**.
- The **Family & Community Conference** features programming designed for anyone touched by Tourette Syndrome, another Tic Disorders, or associated conditions.
 - The RFP for the National **Family & Community Conference will be posted separately**.

The goal for the Symposium is to highlight the research of young investigators, promote exchange with more established investigators, and ultimately help to build a larger, more diverse workforce focused on improving treatment and care for those affected by Tourette Syndrome and other Tic Disorders.

PRESENTATION OPTIONS:

The TAA will accept presentations in the following formats:

- Lecture session - max 2 speakers (30 mins, including Q&A)
- Lecture session - max 2 speakers (60 mins, including Q&A)
- Research blitz session (15 mins, no Q&A)

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPEAKERS:

- All speakers must commit to the allotted time frame above for their presentation during the conference.
- Speakers grant permission to the TAA to obtain a hard copy and online distribution of any submitted presentation and supplemental resource material(s).
- If you wish to distribute copyrighted information in your supplemental resource materials, it is your responsibility to obtain the necessary permissions. Such materials will be distributed only if submitted with the publisher's written permission attached.
- Speakers are prohibited from promoting specific companies or products in their presentations, and from fundraising for themselves, other organizations, or individuals.

BENEFITS TO PRESENTERS:

All Conference presenters and facilitators will engage virtually with individuals impacted by Tourette Syndrome and Tic Disorders, including young people, their parents and guardians, adults, celebrities and influencers, leading medical and scientific experts, foundation and corporate partners, educators, members of the media, members of the TAA Board of Directors, TAA staff, and more. Presentations will be recorded, except those involving youth.

RFP REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Primary Presenter Name
 - a) Credentials (CV/Resume)
 - b) Contact information (email, phone, mailing address)
- 2) Title of Presentation
- 3) Presentation Summary (max 500 words)
- 4) Presentation Marketing Description (max 100 words) – this description will appear on our website, registration site and other media. Consider the value your research findings hold for those affected by TS and other Tic Disorders, and/or what is new or exciting about the subject at the center of your presentation.
- 5) Target Audience (check as many as apply)
 - a) Teens (12-17)
 - b) Adults
 - c) Parents
 - d) Medical Providers
 - e) Educators
 - f) Allied Health Professionals
- 6) Learning Objectives (3)
- 7) Presentation Options
 - a) 15-minute Blitz
 - b) 30-minute Lecture
 - c) 45-minute Lecture
- 8) Co-Presenter(s)
 - a) Name(s)
 - b) Credentials (CV/Resume)
 - c) Contact information (email, phone, mailing address)
- 9) Presenter Bios (max 200 words)
 - a) Details on each presenter and co-presenter: Bio of max 200 words, professional title and employer if applicable, and a high-resolution headshot (in .png or .jpg format sized at least 200px by 200px)
- 10) Submit 3 multiple choice knowledge questions that show mastery over the major content in covered in your presentation. Please include a minimum of 3 answers to select from.
- 11) OPTIONAL: Links to previous presentations, publications, or other media as available

PERENNIAL TOPICS:

Certain subjects are always in high demand by Conference attendees. Some of these topics are listed below:

- Treatment options overview
- Co-Occurring conditions with TS
- Life transitions
- Education and workplace accommodations
- New, complementary, and experimental treatment options

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please take note of these suggested presentation elements as you plan your proposal. The following will be considered as we make our final workshop selections:

- **Consider what's most relevant and noteworthy:** The most well-received presentations are those that are deemed timely and relevant by the audience. Focus on the impact, relevance, and importance of your research/findings.
- **Practical Tools:** Attendees will be looking for practical tools for use in their lives and practices.
- **Programming for multiple audiences:** Presentations that speak to a variety of audiences are highly encouraged to increase inclusivity and broaden access to information in the community.
- **Diversity:** Presentations should aim to be free from cultural biases and be inclusive of the diverse communities affected by Tourette Syndrome and other Tic Disorders. Reviewers will be looking for culturally competent programming, as well as a focus on intersectionality.
- **Q&A:** Allow for a minimum of 10-15 minutes for questions and answers from participants.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit your proposal to programs@tourette.org with a subject line that follows the following formula: **[TIC-CON 2025 RFP- NAME- PRESENTATION TITLE]**

Deadlines:

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 19, 2025

DECISION DATE: March 31, 2025