

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Brain Connect 2026: Decoding the Brain, Inspiring the Future invites abstract submissions from researchers, clinicians, and students across diverse domains of neuroscience for the following categories:

1. Young Investigator Oral Presentation Session
2. Poster Presentation Session

## **1. Thematic Scope**

Abstracts are invited in (but not limited to) the following areas:

- Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience
- Clinical Neurology and Neurosurgery
- Neurodegenerative Disorders and Dementia
- Stroke, Neurovascular and Neurocritical Care
- Neuroimmunology and Neuroinflammation
- Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- Neuropsychiatry
- Yoga, Mind-Body Interventions, and Neuroscience
- Neurobiology of Meditation, Breathwork, and Consciousness
- Brain-Computer Interfaces and Neurotechnology
- Neurorehabilitation and Neural Engineering
- Computational Neuroscience and Neuroimaging
- Translational and Systems Neuroscience

Interdisciplinary, translational, clinically relevant, and evidence-based mind-body neuroscience research is especially encouraged.

## **2. Eligibility**

### **Young Investigator Oral Presentation Session**

PhD students

DM / MD / DNB residents

Postdoctoral fellows

Early-career faculty (within 7 years of highest degree; career breaks may be excluded)

### **Poster Presentation Session**

Undergraduate and postgraduate students

Research scholars

Clinicians and faculty

Industry researchers

## **3. Abstract Structure**

Abstracts must be structured and include the following sections:

- Title
- Authors and Affiliations
- (Presenting author must be underlined)
- Background / Rationale
- Objectives
- Methods
- Key Results
- Conclusions / Significance

Case reports and methodology-, technology-, or intervention-focused abstracts (including yoga-based or mind-body studies) may adapt the structure appropriately.

#### **4. Review and Selection Process**

All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the Scientific Committee based on:

- Scientific merit and originality
- Methodological rigor
- Clinical, translational, or mechanistic relevance
- Clarity and coherence of presentation
- Alignment with the themes of the symposium

#### **5. Awards**

Best Young Investigator Oral Presentation

Best Poster Presentation

Awards will be announced during the valedictory session.

#### **6. Originality and Ethics**

Submitted abstracts must present original work. All research must comply with applicable ethical guidelines and regulatory approvals. Studies involving yoga or mind-body interventions should clearly state the study design, controls, and outcome measures.