

# 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.