

SSWR 2025 ABSTRACT TYPES and REQUIREMENTS

ORAL PAPER PRESENTATION

Abstracts of individual research papers may be submitted for a 20-minute oral presentation. A minimum of four (4) to a maximum of five (5) individual papers will be grouped together based on a single theme and similar content within a 90-minute concurrent session. A moderator will facilitate an extended period of open discussion following the 3-4 oral paper presentations.

When submitting an individual paper presentation, your abstract will be reviewed as an individual paper. However, authors are encouraged during the abstract submission process to indicate their willingness to present an individual poster, if your submission cannot be scheduled as an individual paper in a session with 3 other individual papers due to the limitations of meeting time and space.

Requirement(s):

- Title
- Research Method/Type
- Cluster/Topical Area
- Authors: there is no minimum/maximum of how many individuals may be listed as authors. However, only one (1) individual/author may be designated as the presenting author and all other authors are will be listed as co-authors. Please note that the role of “presenting author” may be designated to one of the authors, e.g. first author, second author, third author, etc.
- An abstract of 500-word or less

POSTER PRESENTATION

Posters allow presenters to discuss their research with interested colleagues during a 90-minute block of time. SSWR uses ePoster technology. This technology, which is already common at health conferences, increases the possibilities for presenters to communicate research findings in exciting and dynamic forms. Electronic monitors that look like big screen televisions will enable an abbreviated slide or video presentation. Thus there is no longer a need to get a large poster printed a head of time and then lugged through airports on the way to the conference. Instead, poster presentations can now be transported on flash drives just like oral presentations. ePoster sessions are held concurrent with paper presentations.

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- An abstract of 500-word or less

SYMPOSIUM

A paper symposium provides for multiple oral research presentations to be made on a single theme involving a brief introduction by the organizer, a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 5 presenters, with one discussant (encouraged, though optional) and open discussion from the floor. The concurrent session is 90-minutes. Presenters have 15 minutes to present the core content and the discussant has 15 minutes to comment upon the presentations with 30 minutes reserved for interactive discussion, facilitated by the organizer, between the presenters and the session audience.

Requirement(s):

- Title of the overall symposium
- Research Method/Type of the overall symposium
- Cluster/Topical Area of the overall symposium
- Proposed 3-5 presentations within the symposium (see requirements in “Oral Paper Presentation” for each proposed presentation)
- An abstract of 500-words or less that describes the overall symposium

We encourage that one person should submit all components of the symposium submission.

ROUNDTABLE

A roundtable submission does not present research findings, but rather addresses an area or issue of fundamental importance to the field, in a format that encourages a lively exchange of different points of views. Examples include training and funding opportunities in social work research, priorities in social work research, and advocacy for the use of scientific approaches to social work research.

The 90-minute roundtable should include a brief introduction clearly outlining the issues followed by each of the speakers elaborating on their different viewpoints and perspectives on the issue. Speakers facilitate extended open discussion with the session audience and the discussants.

Requirement(s):

- Title of the roundtable
- Research Method/Type of the roundtable
- Cluster/Topical Area of the roundtable
- Speakers: one organizer and a panel of minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 speakers is required. The organizer could be one of the panelists. Panel often include members/people outside the research community.
- An abstract of 500-words or less that outlines the issue(s) and varying viewpoints that will be elaborated upon.

WORKSHOP

The workshops are primarily pedagogical, intended to offer training opportunities for methodology (study design, sampling, data collection, measurement, and analysis) with hands-on instruction and specific learning objectives. Past workshops have provided continuing education about an innovative or new area or methodology of import to social work practice, policy, theory, or research. The Program Committee encourages workshop proposals on any topic, as long as the workshop's objective is to enable the audience to gain skills and knowledge that are important to social work research.

Workshop submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria: 1. The topic of the workshop adds to the current knowledge base by presenting information about an innovative or new area or methodology of import to social work practice, policy, theory, or research; 2. The pedagogical methods proposed in the submission are likely to ensure that this workshop will lead to significant learning by the participants; and, 3. The importance of this workshop to social work practice, policy or research is clear and meaningful.

Requirement(s):

- Title of the workshop
- Research Method/Type of the workshop
- Cluster/Topical Area of the workshop
- Speakers: one organizer and a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 speakers is required. Panel often include members/people outside the research community.
- An abstract of 500-words or less