

Dear WCBR Enthusiast,

The 54th Winter Conference on Brain Research will be held in Snowmass, CO from Sunday, January 30 through Friday, February 4, 2022.

The submission site is now open for panel and poster proposals! Please take a look at the <u>Abstract</u> <u>Submission</u> page for detailed instructions on submitting a panel or poster abstract. The deadline for chairs to create the panel in the system and add presenters is **September 7**, **2021** and the final deadline for all panel participants is **September 13**, **2021** and the deadline for poster submissions is **October 18**, **2021**. Please be aware that these dates are firm deadlines; panels and posters submitted after the deadlines will not be considered.

<u>Travel Fellowships</u> will be awarded again this year for junior investigators. The application deadline is September 13, 2021 for both Panel and Poster Travel Fellowships. To apply for Travel Fellowships, please see the information on the WCBR website. In addition to travel fellowships, awards for best posters from junior investigators will be presented at the Friday banquet. You can indicate your eligibility for best poster award when you submit your poster abstract on the WCBR website.

WCBR offers a unique environment in which brain scientists from many different disciplines interact in a comfortable, relaxed environment. The traditional scientific panels are scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; this schedule allows ample time for informal discussions while riding the chair lift or engaging in other mountain activities. In addition, there will be several midmorning or early afternoon sessions and networking opportunities for non-skiers.

In the WCBR tradition, the conference program also includes an Opening Reception on Sunday evening, a plenary speaker on Monday, and the final banquet on Friday evening. Posters are presented in the exhibits/coffee area before the afternoon sessions. Short courses on topics of interest to general audiences and non-experts will also be included again this year, and two WCBR Pioneers (who have made significant contributions to neuroscience and to WCBR) will present their work in our Pioneer Sessions.

WCBR will continue to offer CME credit to eligible participants at the 2022 Meeting. Details for those interested in CME credit will be available soon on the WCBR website.

WCBR typically brings together approximately 500 scientists and practitioners. This group is small enough to maintain informality in attire as well as attitude. It also provides ample opportunity for individual interactions. In that spirit we are also excited to be hosting <u>the First Annual WCBR (Virtual) Summer Gathering on</u> <u>Wednesday, August 11, 2021</u>. The Summer Gathering is an opportunity to meet other scientists with similar interests and connect with colleagues from around the world who may be interested in joining a panel you are proposing or may be looking to include you in their panel submission. It will also include a special professional development session of interest to everyone who has endured the pandemic. The Summer Gathering will be easy to attend and will also feature a raffle of prizes to be redeemed at Snowmass. All it takes to qualify for the raffle is to invite someone who has never attended WCBR to our Summer Gathering. For each invitee who attends your name will be entered into the prize raffle. To register for the Summer Gathering, please use this link.</u> Give as much information as you can about your areas of scientific interest to help us make the Summer Gathering a success. We welcome new potential attendees, and encourage WCBR afficionados to invite anyone they think might be interested, with the opportunity of winning prizes! For more information about WCBR 2022 and the 2021 Summer Gathering, please visit <u>www.winterbrain.org.</u> We are looking forward to another great conference and hope to see you at the Summer Gathering in August, and on the mountains in Snowmass in January!

Sincerely,

Peter Morgan, MD, PhD & Elizabeth Tunbridge, PhD Program Chair and Program Chair-Elect On Behalf of the WCBR Board of Directors

2022 Submission Categories

Primary Submission Categories

(Basic and Applied Research Areas)

Click the major area of exploration that will be included in the presentation(s) associated with this submission. Please use the "Other" categories to bring new research interests to the Winter Conference on Brain Research.

- Addiction
- Affective and Anxiety Disorders
- Autism
- Basic Sensory/Motor Systems or Disorders
- Brain Machine Interface/Neuroprosthetics
- Cognition and Decision-Making
- Development, Aging, and/or Lifespan Focus
- Inter- and Intra-cellular Signaling
- Neurodegenerative Diseases
- Neuroendocrine Systems
- Neurotrauma/Stroke/Epilepsy
- Other
- Other Diseases of the CNS
- Pain/Analgesia
- Schizophrenia

Secondary Submission Categories

(Levels of Analysis Used Within the Primary Category)

Click the major level of analysis that you anticipate will be included in the presentation(s) associated with this submission. Please note that translational research presentations are necessary to support the Continuing Medical Education components of the Winter Conference on Brain Research. Including both basic and applied/clinical researchers as presenters on scientific panels may help attendees consider the translational potential of the research outcomes.

- Computational
- Genetics
- Molecular
- Cellular
- Systems
- Behavioral
- Cognitive
- Translational
- Clinical Trials
- Multiple Levels of Analysis