

Poster Presentation Showcase Call for Abstract Submissions

The Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation (MDF) is pleased to announce its call for abstracts for poster presentations of research related to myotonic dystrophy (DM) to showcase at the 2025 MDF Annual Conference.

Eligibility: This opportunity is specifically for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers focused on any type of DM, as well as representatives of companies and researchers developing therapies for DM.

Poster Session Formats: MDF is thrilled to offer this opportunity in two formats at this year's conference:

1. **Hybrid** – Presenters can share their posters with in-person conference attendees, including other researchers, clinicians, individuals with DM, and their families, as well as through a virtual "booth" for online attendees.
2. **Virtual** – Presenters can display their research findings through a virtual poster for all conference attendees.

Poster Display Guidelines: Poster displays should be self-explanatory, concise, and visually appealing, combining a visual representation of the findings with the opportunity for individualized, informal discussion.

Submission Details: Abstracts for the MDF Annual Conference Poster session must be submitted **by Friday, February 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm PST**. Abstracts are to be original work only. Please direct any questions to Dr. Nadine Skinner, MDF MERLA Manager, at nadine.skinner@myotonic.org.

Submission Instructions: Submissions on the [Proposal Central platform](#) should include an abstract of up to 300 words (excluding references) and follow the structure below:

1. Preferred Presentation Format (indicate Hybrid OR Virtual)
2. Abstract Title
3. Authors (indicate presenting author)
4. Author Affiliations
5. Presenting Author Profile
 - Name
 - Affiliation
 - Brief Biography (not to exceed 200 words)

- Contact Information
- 6. Abstract Body (not to exceed 300 words):
 - Objective
 - Methodology
 - Results
 - Conclusions
 - Practical Implications
- 7. References
- 8. Interest in Young Investigators' Awards and Presentations

Review Process: Members of the MDF Scientific Advisory Committee and other selected experts will review abstracts. Selected poster presenters will be notified on **Friday, March 14, 2025**, and are expected to showcase their posters at the conference on **May 2nd and 3rd**.

Special Considerations: If you would like to be considered for a brief presentation during the Young Investigators' Poster Lightning Round or for the Young Investigators' awards, please indicate this in your abstract submission. Please note that only posters presented in person are eligible for these opportunities, and the presentation and award opportunity is exclusively available to qualifying individuals. Be sure to express your interest during submission to be considered for these special recognitions.