When can I submit my abstract for presentation at The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting Online?
The abstract submission site for Late Breaker Poster Abstracts opens mid-July, and closes September 3, 2020, at 11:59 PM EDT. GSA does not accept abstracts via mail or email. It is highly recommended that you log in well before the submission deadline to ensure your GSA Account is complete and you are familiar with all abstract submission requirements.

What are the criteria for a Late Breaker Poster Abstract submission?
The Late Breaker Poster sessions are an opportunity to present your most compelling research results that were previously not available at the time of the first abstract submission period. You will be required to include a statement about why your abstract is late breaking.

Please refer to the Late Breaker Poster Abstract Submission Planning Guide for full submission criteria and details.

How do I log in to submit my abstract?
• Go to www.geron.org.
• Click the white “LOGIN” button on the top right corner of the home page.
• Enter your GSA username and password.*
  o If you have forgotten your password, select Forgot Password. You can also click the “Forgot Password” option below the login fields.
  o If you do not have an account with GSA, you will need to create a GSA Account here.
  o If you still need assistance logging in, email membership@geron.org.
• Once logged in, click the white “MY ACCOUNT” button on the top right corner of the home page.
• Click “Abstract Central” to begin the submission process. (The abstract submission period begins mid-July and ends September 3, 2020.)

*If you have previously been active with GSA, you should have an existing account. If unsure, click Forgot Password to see whether your email address is in the system.

Is there a limit to the number of Late Breaker Poster Abstracts I can submit?
The first author can be listed as first author on a maximum of two Late Breaker Poster Abstracts. Posters will not be accepted if they were previously submitted to the GSA 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting and not accepted.

What is the Late Breaker Poster Abstract submission fee?
The abstract submission fee must be paid via credit card through the Abstract Central system at the time of submission. The fees are:
• Professional Late Breaker Poster: $35
• Student Late Breaker Poster: $20
Why does it cost more to submit this year?
The abstract submission fee for professional papers/posters increased $5. The abstract submission fee for student papers/posters remains the same as last year. Our cost to manage the abstract submission process increases each year due to a larger number of submissions and changes to our vendor fees. We do our best to keep expenses down in particular for our emerging scholars. We appreciate your interest in submitting to the GSA 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting Online and hope you will choose GSA to disseminate your important research on aging.

I am having trouble signing in—why doesn’t my password work?
Passwords are case sensitive. To re-set your password, click Forgot Password. You can also click the “Forgot Password” option below the login fields.

What are the browser requirements for the submission site?
The submission site works best using the browsers Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Edge.

Can I be a first author/presenter on an abstract if I am not a member of GSA?
Yes. You may participate as a non-member of GSA.

What is the difference between the abstract submitter, first author, and co-authors?
- The abstract submitter is the individual who logs in to submit the abstract. This is the person who will receive confirmation, reminder, and decision notification messages. You cannot change the abstract submitter after the submission has been started! Abstract notifications will be sent only to the individual who submitted the abstract.
- The first author will be the presenter if the abstract is accepted. In the circumstance that an abstract is accepted and the first author is not able to attend and present, it is acceptable for a co-author to take over presentation duties. Once the abstract submission deadline passes, the first author listed will not be able to be changed in the meeting materials. The person designated as first author will receive all communications on how to submit files for the presentation and this cannot be changed.

Note: The submitting and/or first author will be responsible for disseminating communications to co-authors.

Can I request a presentation date/time? Is it possible to have consecutive time slots for my presentation and my coworkers’ presentations?
Unfortunately, we are not able to honor requests for specific presentation dates, times, or groupings.

Am I automatically registered for the GSA 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting Online by submitting an abstract?
No! You must register for GSA’s meeting separately. Registration for the meeting will open in August.
When will I receive confirmation of receipt of my abstract?
The submitter will receive an email confirmation of the abstract submission from abstracts@geron.org. If you do not receive the email confirmation, be sure to check your spam and junk folders. We encourage adding abstracts@geron.org to your Safe Senders list.

In addition, you can check on the submission status. The submitter should log in to the abstract submission site and look at the submission listed under “ABSTRACTS.” If your abstract has been successfully submitted, a green check mark will appear to the left of the abstract title. Any drafts you have been working on, but have yet to be submitted, will state “INCOMPLETE.”

How can I get a receipt for my abstract submission?
To print a receipt for your submission, log in to the abstract submission site. Under the “ABSTRACTS” heading, your completed submission will be listed with an option to “VIEW RECEIPT.” Click on “VIEW RECEIPT” and you can print a copy of your receipt.

Can I edit my abstract after it has been submitted?
Your abstract can be edited up until 11:59 PM EDT of the September 3, 2020, submission deadline, but not after that time. To edit your abstract, log in to the abstract submission site, click on your submitted abstract listed under “ABSTRACTS.” You must click the “SAVE SUBMISSION” button after making edits for it to be considered during the review process. You will not have to pay the submission fee again. GSA will not accept any edits after the submission deadline.

Can I withdraw my abstract after the submission deadline of September 3, 2020?
Yes. To withdraw an abstract submission, email abstracts@geron.org by November 4, 2020, and it can be removed from the Annual Scientific Meeting online platform. Please note that it cannot be removed from other meeting materials.

I am first author of an abstract and I am unable to attend the meeting—what should I do?
Although the first author is the preferred presenter, any co-author may present. However, abstract notifications will be sent to the individual who submitted the abstract, and the person designated as first author will receive all communications on how to submit files for presentation (this cannot be changed). The submitting and/or first author will be responsible for disseminating such communications to co-authors. If none of the authors can attend the meeting and present the abstract, the first author must withdraw the abstract in writing by emailing abstracts@geron.org as soon as possible.

When can I find out if my Late Breaker Poster Abstract was accepted?
Abstract notifications will be sent to the abstract submitter during early October. To make sure you receive all GSA correspondence, add abstracts@geron.org to your email Safe Senders list.

May I get a refund for my abstract submission fee?
The abstract submission fee is a nonrefundable processing fee. Once the abstract has been submitted, it is considered processed.
**Where and when is the GSA 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting?**
Although originally scheduled as an in-person meeting in Philadelphia, the GSA 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting has moved to a fully online event to protect the health and safety of all. Attendees will be able to share their research, expand their knowledge, and network with colleagues by registering for this state-of-the-art online conference. We invite everyone in the field of aging to participate in the GSA 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting Online on November 4–6.

You can find more information at [www.geron.org/2020](http://www.geron.org/2020).

**How can I get assistance with my abstract submission?**
- For general information: [Late Breaker Poster Abstract Submission Planning Guide](http://www.geron.org/abstracts).
- For technical support: Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com, Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–9:00 PM EDT.
- For policy and procedure questions: abstracts@geron.org.

**Will the abstracts be published?**
Yes. All accepted abstracts presented at the GSA 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting Online will be published in a supplement issue of GSA’s open-access journal *Innovation in Aging*. Visit [https://academic.oup.com/gsa](https://academic.oup.com/gsa) for more information.

**Any other questions?**
Please email: abstracts@geron.org.