



APPD 2026 Pediatric Medical Education Conference Call for Enhanced Learning Sessions (ELS) Submission Guidelines

We are pleased to announce that the call for Enhanced Learning Sessions (ELS) submissions are now open for the [APPD 2026 Pediatric Medical Education Conference](#), September 25-26 in Arlington, Virginia.

Enhanced Learning Sessions are 90-minute sessions comprised of a variety of creative formats including panel discussions, debates, or workshops. Submissions should be well written, have well-described educational goals and objectives, and well thought out agendas. Submissions should include a detailed agenda for a 90-minute enhanced learning session.

We encourage presenters to explore non-traditional, engaging, and innovative session formats that incorporate active learning, as well as those that allow time for questions, answers, and dialogue between presenters and participants. Timely and important topics addressed by innovative teaching techniques including expert panel discussion, flipped classroom, didactic presentations, or other creative formats will be prioritized, as well submissions representing multiple institutions and job roles within pediatric medical education. Special consideration will be given to submissions that address topics that are relevant across the pediatric medical education continuum.

Deadline for Submission: Thursday, April 30, 2026, by 11:59pm Pacific Time

Submissions should be related to the field of pediatric medical education. We welcome submissions on the following categories:

- Designing and Promoting Educational Scholarship
- Faculty Support and Development
- Curricular Innovations for Trainees/Learners
- Promoting and Enhancing Pediatric Careers
- Educational Technology and Artificial Intelligence
- Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME)
- Transitions Across the Educational Continuum
- Equity in the Learning Environment

Character Limit

Each submission should be a maximum of 650 words, including title and body. You will be able to check your word count at the bottom of the Submission Information page and in the Submission Information section of the Submission Overview page.

All Caps versus Upper/Lower Case Lettering

Titles will automatically be entered by the submission site in all upper-case lettering. However, descriptions, references, authors, and other submission information must be entered in upper- and lower-case letters. Please do not enter that information in all caps. All details will be published in our meeting program and must be consistently formatted.

You may use a text editing program to write your submission such as Microsoft Word and paste the text into the submission text area, BUT it is strongly advised to review your content after pasting into the web form, especially when using special characters to make sure your browser did not misinterpret the pasted content. The text editor field has formatting and special character options available in a top menu.

Abbreviations

Standard abbreviations may be used, i.e., CBME, UME, GME, ACGME, ABP, etc. Non-standard abbreviations must be explained when first presented and should be kept to a minimum.

Submission Confirmation

Only the corresponding author will be sent an email confirmation of the submission. The confirmation email will include a copy of the submission content. Please review the submission to ensure its accuracy. If you do not receive a confirmation email upon submission, please check your spam folder. If you still have not received a confirmation email from the APPD National Office, please contact info@appd.org.

Review

The submission review process utilizes a standardized scoring rubric and shielded grading system. Authors should be cautious in using institutional references in the body of the submission. Do not put author names or affiliations within the title or body section. Demographic information collected from the corresponding author will not be considered in the review process.

Notification

Only the corresponding author of the submission will be notified of the Planning Committee's decision. It is the responsibility of the corresponding author to inform co-authors/co-presenters of the decision. Notifications will be sent at the end of May.

Registration

All presenters of accepted ELS proposals are required to register for and attend the meeting.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

All Presenters of accepted ELS proposals are required to complete a conflict-of-interest disclosure form for CME purposes (to be sent by the APPD).