



Dear Winter Brain Enthusiast,

We are now accepting Panel, Perspective, Short Course, and Poster proposals for the 59th Winter Conference on Brain Research in Breckenridge, Colorado January 30 – February 4, 2027. Winter Brain seeks proposals from across different neuroscience disciplines and in different formats. [Read below to find information on submissions, travel awards, and programmatic information.](#)

- **Panels** have a cohesive theme. Presentations that approach a theme from different experimental angles or have clinically translational themes are highly encouraged. Please [click here](#) for more details.
- **Perspectives** are intended to bring people in a field together to discuss and debate ideas and findings. Brief slide presentations (1-5 slides per panelist) and audience participation should be encouraged by panelists.
- **Short Courses** introduce a topic/technique to non-experts, addressing its foundations, strengths, and limitations, with ample time for questions. Opportunities for hands on participation are encouraged.

Everyone is welcome to submit Panel/Perspective/Short Course/Poster proposals, including first time attendees at any academic level! We especially encourage submissions from junior investigators and trainees.

- **September 15, 2026: Panel, Perspective, and Short Course proposal deadline**
- **October 13, 2026: Poster proposal deadline**
- **Late submissions will not be considered.**

For those looking to make **new connections for forming panel proposals**, please see the [Panel Interest Form](#).

QUICK LINK: [Submission Guidelines & Instructions](#)

Applications for [Travel Fellowships](#) are due **September 15, 2026** for both Panel and Poster presenters. Awards for best posters by junior investigators will be presented at the closing banquet.

[Winter Brain](#) will offer CME credit to eligible participants.

The conference program also includes an opening plenary, pioneer sessions, career development sessions, a Brain Talk Town targeted to a lay audience, and a closing banquet. The schedule allows for ample time for informal networking during the midday break, whether riding the chair lift or engaging in other outdoor activities or hanging out at the lodge. For more information about Winter Brain 2027, please visit www.winterbrain.org. We hope to see you in Breckenridge!

Sincerely,

Zoe McElligott, PhD & Elyssa Margolis, PhD
Program Chair and Past Program Chair
On Behalf of the Winter Brain Board of Directors

2027 Submission Categories

Primary Submission Categories

(Basic and Applied Research Areas)

- Development
- Epilepsy
- Aging
- Neurodegenerative disorders
- Executive function (decision making, motivation, working memory, etc.)
- Glia and glia-neuron interactions
- Neuromodulators and receptors
- Neuroendocrinology
- Synaptic transmission/plasticity and membrane properties
- Intracellular processes and signaling
- Neural circuits
- Sensory systems
- Motor systems
- Stroke
- Traumatic Brain Injury and Repair
- Pain and analgesia
- Psychiatric disorders
- Autism
- Sleep
- Stress
- Substance use disorders
- Feeding/Consummatory behavior and disorders
- Social Behavior and disorders
- Tools & Technology (Panel or Short Course)
- Education and practice
- Career development
- Other