



**NatCon19 Research Symposium  
Call for Papers**

**Submission Deadline: January 1, 2019**

**Acceptance Notification: January 10, 2019**

**Share Your Research on Mental Health and Addiction Treatment and Services**

In a healthcare environment that's increasingly placing emphasis on quantifying and producing value, providers need to be adaptive, innovative, and well-informed on the latest, most effective approaches to care. As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting evidence-based, data-driven care the National Council will be hosting a Research Symposium at its next annual conference, NatCon19, focused on providing a platform for dissemination and discussion of recent research across the behavioral health field.

To ensure diverse stakeholder representation, we invite individuals and organizations from a variety of settings—including academia, non-profit, private sector, government agencies, healthcare systems and provider agencies—to submit proposal presentations of any original research related to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of mental illnesses or substance use disorders. Proposals will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Medical Director Institute of the National Council and presenters will be chosen on the basis of pertinence of the research question or hypothesis being tested to improving the quality of care and outcomes as well as soundness of the research methodology. Potential areas and topics of research include but are not limited to:

- improved methods of diagnosis
- improved methods of prevention
- improved methods of service delivery
- causes of mental illness or substance use disorder
- new treatments
- cost-effectiveness of treatment and service delivery

Proposals chosen for presentation will have a one-hour session comprised of 30 minutes for presentation of their research, 15 minutes of panel response and discussion with a selected panel of experts familiar with their research topic and work, and 15 minutes of general audience questions and discussion. Both the selected response panel and the general audience will be a diverse group including individuals with research expertise, individuals with direct treatment experience, and individuals with healthcare delivery system management experience. The discussions will address the soundness of the research methodology, the efficacy of the intervention tested, the generalizability of the results to the broader healthcare system, and the extent to which the intervention has potential to substantially improve the quality of care and health outcomes.

NatCon19 is being held in Nashville, TN March 25-27, 2019.

**How to Submit**

To submit a presentation, go to <http://bit.ly/NatCon19CallforPresentations> and complete the online form. You may begin the submission process and return to your saved proposal any time up until the submission deadline. **All proposals must be submitted online.**



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### Schedule

Sept. 24, 2018	Call for Research Symposium proposals released, and submission site opens
January 1, 2019	Submission deadline for proposals (11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time). No extensions will be granted.
January 10, 2019	Acceptance/Rejection notifications sent to all who submitted
March 25-27, 2019	NatCon19, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN

**All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PST Tuesday, January 1, 2019.**

### Selection Criteria

NatCon19 seeks educational sessions that highlight concrete programs, services or initiatives that are practical, replicable and relevant for the attendees.

The process to accept workshops, posters, TED-style sessions or Ignite sessions is very selective. There are limited slots available, and the final decision is at the discretion of the National Council. General sessions and thought leader sessions are determined solely by the National Council. If a proposal warrants a general session or thought leader session, instead of a workshop, the National Council will make that determination and inform the submitter.

The following criteria will be used by the National Council to select presentations:

- **Originality:** NatCon includes only unique and exciting content that reflects our dynamic community.
- **Relevance:** All sessions are of great interest to attendees and clearly benefit attendees' professional needs.
- **Program Design:** All sessions incorporate good practices for adult education, with clear learning objectives that are measurable and achievable.
- **Outcomes:** All sessions must demonstrate strong outcomes.
- **Ability to Inspire Action:** Content experts who present at NatCon inspire attendees to return to their organizations and implement what they learn.
- **Overall Quality:** NatCon learning opportunities meet the highest standards of excellence.

All proposals must be complete, comprehensive, and deemed relevant and timely to the conference's audience. The National Council may shorten a presentation, increase and/or reduce the number of presenters, select alternate presenters from among those proposed, and/or combine the submitted presentation with other proposed presentations, at its sole discretion. All presenters will be contacted independently to confirm their submittal.

### Notifications

Once you have submitted your proposal, you can expect:

1. **Acknowledgement:** Upon receipt of your submission, you will receive an email acknowledgement.
2. **Notification:** You will be notified about the status of your presentation by January 1, 2019.
3. **Follow-up:** If selected to present, the National Council will contact presenters to discuss each workshop in detail, bringing together both presenters and moderators and will help presenters determine AV needs and manage session materials.
  - a. **Session Presenters:** All accepted session presenters will get information on how to access the Speaker Resource Center (SRC). Presenters will be required log into the SRC to confirm participation in the

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conference, provide a session description, three (3) measurable learning objectives, references and a few additional items by the given due dates. A handout(s) and/or PowerPoint presentation is mandatory for each session.

- b. **iPoster Presenters:** All accepted poster presenters will receive information on how to log into the NatCon iPoster system to build your digital poster. All presenters will be assigned a 30-minute session time during the conference to engage in an informal Q&A session with attendees and must be registered for the conference.

**Reminder:** *Poster presentations may not be used to market products or services. **Do not** use trade names in the poster. A statement must be included as to whether there are any financial disclosures. All financial disclosures must be prominently displayed on the bottom right-hand corner of the poster. If there is nothing to disclose, specify “Nothing to Disclose”.*

### Conference Registration

Presenting authors must be registered for the conference on the day of their oral or poster presentation. Session presenters have the option of registering for the full conference at the discounted rate of **\$400** or can register for attendance at just their session for no charge. Poster Presenters will be given a **\$100** conference registration discount.

### Hotel and Travel

Presenters are also responsible for making their own travel and hotel arrangements. The National Council does not provide honorarium to cover expenses for presenters. You are encouraged to book early, as conference hotels tend to fill up quickly. P The conference housing link will be provided in your conference registration confirmation email.

### Questions

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