

**2023 VASCULAR ANNUAL MEETING
CALL FOR INVITED SESSION PROPOSALS**

The Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) is seeking proposals for **invited sessions** in consideration of the Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM), June 14-17, 2023, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland.

Description

Educational content for the VAM is delivered in two forms: abstract sessions and invited sessions. Abstracts are intended primarily for the presentation of scientific research in various topic areas; the invited sessions are aimed at covering a breadth of subjects – both clinical and non-clinical – deemed important and timely to the ongoing education of SVS members and other attendees. Additionally, the invited sessions occur in programs of varying size, taking formats such as small group interactive lectures, case-based courses and innovative/non-didactic approaches.

Review & Selection Processes

After online submission via a specific link, proposals are judged blindly through the same online platform by the Postgraduate Education Committee (PGEC). Following the review period, submissions/submitters are unblinded during the committee’s selection meeting. Proposals scoring above a certain threshold are typically considered for the VAM program based on the overall content needs and related requirements. The PGEC ultimately decides the time increment the proposal will fall under: 60, 75 or 90 minutes.

Post-Selection

If a proposal is chosen for inclusion in the VAM program, submitters are expected to:

- Collaborate with the PGEC from development through delivery of the proposed sessions, including identification of specific content speakers, and adherence to all meeting requirements.
- Co-moderate their proposed session.

About the Call

- Submissions on behalf of SVS committees, councils and task forces are encouraged, in addition to those from affiliate societies.
- Consider the following ‘current topics of interest’ when submitting a proposal:
 - Physician wellness
 - Managing complications
 - New techniques and technology
 - Difficult cases and solutions
 - Quality improvement in everyday clinical life
 - Personal development and leadership
 - Value of vascular surgeons
 - Debates in areas of clinical controversy
 - Modern management of acute arterial thromboembolism
- Proposals submitted outside the online process will not be considered or reviewed.
- No more than two submitters are to be identified on any single proposal.

Submission does not guarantee acceptance.

- The primary contact will be notified in mid-September if their proposal has been selected for further development. If chosen, you may be asked to collaborate with another submitter if both topics have overlapping content.
- The deadline for submission is **4pm ET, Wednesday, August 24.**

Components Required for Submission (via a forthcoming URL)

- Session Title
- Topic Classification – select an overarching subject area from a drop-down menu
- Purpose/Justification – what is the educational need you are trying to address?
- Objectives – what are the session goals?
- Summary – outline of the program content (including topics and suggested speakers)
 - In accordance with ACCME standards, executives, owners or employees of ineligible companies are discouraged from serving as faculty
- Target Audience – what subset of the vascular community would the program be of interest to?
- Proposed Format
 - Didactic lectures w/panel discussion
 - Case studies
 - Innovative (such as utilizing social media, game/talk show, etc)
- Committee/Council/Task Force – if submitted on behalf of

Contact vameducation@vascularsociety.org with questions.