



Early Career Investigator Award Abstract Submission Guidelines

Submission Opens on September 15, 2025, and Closes on December 1, 2025

The Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists invites the submission of scientific abstracts for presentation at the SCA 2026 Annual Meeting & Workshops to be held from **April 23-26, 2026**.

EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD

The Research Committee will select the top five eligible abstracts to receive an SCA Early Career Investigator Award (ECIA). Each recipient will be recognized during the SCA Annual Meeting and in the SCA Newsletter, give an oral presentation of the abstract during the Annual Meeting, and receive a \$1,000 travel award to allow attendance at the Annual Meeting.

To be considered for this award, authors must identify their submission as ECIA eligible at the time of submission and submit supporting documentation.

Priority will be given to studies that elucidate the pathophysiology of cardiac, thoracic, or vascular disease or explore novel therapeutic possibilities based on mechanisms of disease.

SCA Management will notify you of the status of your application by the end of January 2025.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Submission system **opens on September 15, 2025**.
- Submission system **closes at 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on December 1, 2025**.
 - Additional submissions will not be accepted after the submission system closes.
 - If you do not receive an email confirmation of your abstract submission within 30 minutes of finalizing your abstract submission, please contact the SCA Program Team at nbaus@veritasamc.com.
 - Co-authors must complete their bio and disclosure forms by **December 1, 2025**.
 - The submission will not be reviewed unless **all** listed authors complete a disclosure form by the deadline.
 - Notifications regarding abstract selection will be sent by the end of January 2025.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Submission Content and Format Rules

- Submissions will be made to one of the following categories:
 - Basic Science
 - Cardiovascular Anesthesia
 - Case Reports
 - Coagulation
 - Critical Care
 - Echocardiography
 - Perioperative Medicine

- Quality Improvement
 - Structural Heart Disease
- All submissions will include four (4) sections. The content of those sections will depend on the type of submission (i.e. abstract case report):
 - Background / Introduction
 - Methods / Case Report
 - Results / Discussion
 - Conclusion
- Submissions must be in English.
- Submissions must be single-spaced.
- Submissions are limited to a 3,300-character count, which includes body text and spaces. Tables and graphs do not count against the character count.
- Do **not** include the following in the abstract body:
 - Names of abstract authors or institutions
 - References, credits, or grant support
- Titles should be short and specific and should **not** contain abbreviations, quotation marks, or all capital letters.
- Use generic drug/product names rather than trade names.
- Standard abbreviations may be used but should be kept to a minimum.
- Tables, figures, images, or other graphics will only be accepted as still images in the following file formats: .jpg, .png, .tiff, or .bmp.
- No video loops will be considered.
 - ⊖ Only the abstracts accepted for presentation at the two oral abstract presentation sessions will ultimately be able to accommodate video loops.
 - Abstracts/cases that are published or presented at other national and international meetings prior to the SCA Annual Meeting will not be permitted and should not be submitted.
- No abstract will be considered with deferred outcome data. If data is to be presented, it must appear in the original abstract submitted.
- Submissions should include the best available evidence and should not include content that is biased or promotional in nature.

General Rules and Eligibility Requirements

- Submitting abstract author must:
 - Be enrolled in an Anesthesiology Residency or Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowship program or have completed such training in the previous 12 months prior to the SCA Annual Meeting.
 - Be an SCA member.
 - Have performed the majority of the research.
- The abstract must be submitted to the Annual Meeting's Scientific Program only. Abstracts submitted to any other call will not be considered.
- Joint first-author abstracts are not eligible for consideration.
- The research must be an original, scientifically sound, hypothesis-driven exploration.
- The abstract must be unpublished in manuscript form.
 - The abstract may be simultaneously submitted for publication, but it must be under publication embargo (online or print) until after the SCA Annual Meeting.
- A senior mentor must assume responsibility for the research.

Application Requirements

- The abstract submission form includes a field pertaining to eligibility for the Submitting authors must select the checkbox to indicate their interest in and verify their eligibility for the award.

- Before the abstract has been submitted, you must upload a letter of recommendation from your senior mentor stating/including the following by **December 1, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET**:
 - The applicant is eligible for the award.
 - The applicant's status in the training program where the research is taking place.
 - A description of the applicant's contributions to the research.
 - The applicant's NIH Biosketch.
 - The senior mentor's role in the project.
 - The senior mentor's NIH Biosketch.

NOTE: ECIA eligible abstracts that do not include the required supporting documentation at the time of submission will not be considered for the award.