



## MSTS 2026 Abstract Submission Guidelines

The MSTS Program Committee welcomes abstracts related to all aspects of Musculoskeletal Tumors.

If you are an MSTS member, or if you have submitted an abstract to MSTS in the past, please begin your 2026 submission by entering your username and email address. This is necessary to tie your submission to your existing record – please **do not** create a duplicate record in your name. If you need to confirm your username, please contact MSTS staff at [info@msts.org](mailto:info@msts.org).

If you are not a member of MSTS and have not previously submitted an abstract, please enter your email address in the New User section of the form. You will then be able to provide the information needed to create a non-member user record and to submit your abstract.

We require ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION of your abstract through the MSTS Abstract Submission program. Abstracts will not be accepted by email.

**Note: Please be sure you have all necessary information, including your blinded and unblinded abstract files, ready before beginning the abstract submission. Once you submit your abstract, you will not have the option to add/change information, change authors, or make any edits.**

### Important Submission Information:

- 1. MSTS Membership:** We encourage the submitter, or at least one listed co-author, to be a current member of MSTS (all membership categories qualify). Non-MSTS authors are also eligible for the submission of abstracts.
- 2. Co-Author Information:** You must have the full name and email address of every co-author on the abstract. A maximum of fifteen (15) co-authors can be included.
- 3. Industry Representatives:** Industry representatives are not eligible to submit abstracts.
- 4. Financial Disclosures:** Financial Disclosure is required for the submitter, presenter, and each co-author: The disclosure must be on file with AAOS with a disclosure submission date of October 29, 2024, or later. To verify if an existing disclosure on file is current, or to create a disclosure file, [please click here](#) for the AAOS Disclosure Program.
- 5. Presenter Information:**
  - If your abstract is selected for presentation, the full name and email address of the person who will present your abstract at the 2026 MSTS Annual Meeting is required.
  - All presenters must register to attend the 2026 MSTS Annual Meeting.
  - Presenters should hold an MD or PhD Degree. If non-MD/PhD trainees present from the podium, the corresponding author/principal investigator should be available for discussion.
  - Industry representatives are not permitted to present either a poster or podium presentation at the MSTS Annual Meeting.
- 6. Abstract Category <sup>New</sup>:** Note new categories for 2026 are listed on page 3 of these guidelines. Only one category can be selected for each abstract.
- 7. Uploading Abstracts:** you are required to upload **both** a blinded and unblinded version of your abstract. (Blinded - No Authors/Co-Authors or Institution names should be included. Unblinded - ALL Authors/Co-Authors and Institution names should be included).

**Abstract Structure for Submission** *New*: Please see the following information regarding the organization and content of your abstract:

**1. Structure** *New*:

- a. **Significance & Hypothesis/Techniques**: Why should the study be done? The importance of the proposed study in the field; Knowledge or technical barrier. Technology-driven research describes the purpose. A hypothesis-driven research clearly states a hypothesis. What is the goal of the study?
  - b. **Innovation**: What is new? Are there technical, conceptual, or clinical Innovation?
  - c. **Approach** (Materials & Methods): How was this study done? Rigor (control/intervention groups; sample size/statistics; biological variables; methods).
  - d. **Results**: Clinical or Scientific Data, Figure panels show pre, intra, post-operative, follow-up images, or clinical photos; diagrams, graphs, tables.
  - e. **Discussion & Impact**: How does the study influence or change current knowledge, techniques, or practice.
2. **Length**: Please submit a Microsoft Word document that **does not exceed 500 words**. Abstracts greater than 500 words will not be reviewed. Figures and tables, authors, affiliations, references, and abstract title do not count towards the 500-word limit.
  3. **Figure Panels and Tables**: Limit 3 (Do not count toward the 500-word limit). A composition of Figures in one Figure Panel is counted as one Figure.
  4. **Font**: Standard Calibri font, type size 10pt.
  5. **Format**: Abstract should be single spaced with a 1-inch margin both on the top and bottom as well as the left and right sides.
  6. **References**: Please omit any reference to authorship and/or institution within the body of the abstract.

## Posters

MSTS recognizes poster presentation highly valuable for interactive learning and networking. All posters will be electronically displayed on the LED screen and the 2023 Annual Meeting App.

**Poster Award Finalists**: Twelve (12) top-scored posters from MSTS ESIs will be selected. Twenty-four (24) Posters (Paper or Fabric-Traditional Posters) will be displayed. In addition, each author of the top posters will present a summary of their work on the podium during the Poster Award Teaser Session. The presentation format will be forwarded to the finalists.

## 2026 Abstract Awards

The 2026 Annual Meeting Planning Committee will review all posters and podium presentations and select the recipients of the following awards. You may select all awards that are applicable; but no single abstract will receive more than one award.

1. Best Paper (Podium) Presentation (1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$750; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$500; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$250)
2. Best Poster (1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$750; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$500; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$250)
3. Best ESI Paper (Podium) Presentation (1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$750; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$500; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$250)
4. Best ESI Poster (1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$750; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$500; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$250)
5. Best ESI Research Proposal Award (1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$750; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$500; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$250)

**2026 Abstract Categories - Only one category can be selected for each abstract.**

**NEW** for 2026 abstract submissions, Early-Stage Investigators (ESI) are defined as A Corresponding Author & Principal Investigator, First author-Corresponding author, or First author -Principal Investigator within six (6) years of their first faculty appointment at the time of the abstract submission.

ESIs can submit using either a one-page Specific Aims Research Plan (Category 6 below) or with a traditional abstract (Category 7 below). **All ESI submissions, regardless of the research topic, should be entered under one of the Early-Stage Investigator categories.**

1. **Bone Tumors** (Benign & Malignant)
2. **Soft Tissue Tumors** (Benign & Malignant)
3. **Metastases & Tumor-Like Diseases**
4. **Interactive Cases** *New*: Disasterplasty, Technical/Conceptual Innovation, Complications & Management, Onco-plastics, Multi-Disciplinary Tumor Board (Pathology). Interactive cases may have a small sample size, but interactive educational value with respect to clinical judgement or care is very high. Experts in complex reconstructive surgeries and pathology will be moderators.
5. **Translational Science & Technology**: Digital Health, AI, Biology, Pathology, Immuno-Oncology
6. **Early-Stage Investigators (ESI)** *New* – **One-page Specific Aims Research Plan**. (0.5-inch margin, 11 arial-font, single-spaced). (Please see page 4 and 5 for Sample Specific Aims forms). Real-time feedback will be provided by MSTs members with prior federal funding. Mentor-mentee will be matched if desired. The goal of this program is to facilitate grant applications for future publications for MSTs ESIs. Only MSTs candidate- and active- members can submit Specific Aims for scholarly mentorship by MSTs Established Investigators.
7. **Early-Stage Investigators (ESI)** *New* **Abstract**– Traditional abstracts as described in page 2.

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract to the MSTs 2026 Annual Meeting. Please contact the MSTs office with any questions via email at [info@msts.org](mailto:info@msts.org) or by phone at (847) 698-1625.

Thank you,

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