

2026 APP FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE CHICAGO

WESTIN CHICAGO RIVER NORTH

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Association of Postgraduate APRN Programs (APGAP) and Association of Postgraduate PA Programs (APPAP) invite current or recently graduated (within 18 months of the conference date) Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Fellows to submit abstracts for podium presentations at the 2026 National Conference, September 22-23, 2026 in Chicago, Illinois. Submissions should advance APP education, practice, or professional development. Abstracts must be original, unpublished work, and limited to <350 words (excluding title and references). **Submissions open February 27th and close July 16th.**

Submit [HERE](#)

Abstracts fall into three categories listed below. All must use 12-pt font, single-spaced, with 1-inch margins. Include title (bold, ≤16 words), authors/affiliations, and submission category. Use structured headings as specified below. References (AMA style, ≤5) optional. Multiple submissions allowed; select one category per abstract.

SELECTION AND PRESENTATION DETAILS

- **Review Process:** All submitted abstracts undergo blind peer review by a committee of APP educators, clinicians, and leaders. Reviewers score submissions based on originality, clarity, scientific rigor/methodological soundness (where applicable), relevance to APP fellowship training and practice, potential impact, and alignment with conference goals.
- **Notification:** Authors will be notified via email of acceptance decisions by **July 31, 2026**.
- **Presentation Formats:** Accepted abstracts will be selected for an oral podium presentation. The presenting author (typically the first or corresponding author) will deliver a 7-8-minute podium presentation at the national conference, followed by 2-3 minutes for audience questions (total slot ~10 minutes). Presenters must prepare slides (format guidelines provided upon acceptance) and rehearse to fit within time limits.
- **Attendance Requirement:** All presenting authors must register for and attend the in-person conference, discounted at the APP Fellow rate, at their own expense. Failure to register or present may result in withdrawal of acceptance and exclusion from future submissions.
- **Additional Opportunities:** Top-scoring abstracts may be considered for awards:
 - *"APP Fellow Presentation of the Year" People's Choice Award:* Voted by attendees via app/polling during session. Recognizes the highest-scoring oral presentation across all categories. Criteria: Clarity of delivery, engagement, time management, visual aids, response to Q&A, and overall impact on APP fellowship discourse.
 - *"Rising Star" Impact Award:* Voted by the Abstract Review Committee. For the abstract with the strongest potential to influence APP education, practice, policy, or patient care. Recognizes the most original, forward-thinking, or creative contribution.
- Accepted abstracts will be notified by **July 31, 2026**.

QUESTIONS? Contact Michelle Dawson at mfd3e@uvahealth.org

We encourage diverse perspectives to enrich APP fellowship discourse.

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+ PROFESSIONAL TOPICS

Criteria: Focus on non-clinical issues like leadership, education, policy, career development, or interprofessional collaboration relevant to APP fellows. Emphasize innovation, applicability, and impact on APP roles. Must demonstrate scholarly insight or practical strategies.

Formatting:

- Authors/Affiliations: Author names, role, and organization.
- Submission Category: e.g., Professional Topics, Clinical or Case Based, EBP/QI or Research Based.
- Background: Describe context and significance.
- Objectives: List 2-3 learning goals.
- Content Outline: Key points, evidence, or examples.
- Implications/Conclusion: Relevance to APP practice.

+ CLINICAL OR CASE-BASED

- **Criteria:** Present real or simulated cases highlighting diagnostic, therapeutic, or management challenges encountered in clinical practice. Emphasize clinical reasoning, interprofessional care, or lessons learned. Cases should be de-identified and evidence-informed.

Formatting:

- Authors/Affiliations: Author names, role, and organization.
- Submission Category: e.g., Professional Topics, Clinical or Case Based, EBP/QI or Research Based.
- Introduction/Case Description: Patient presentation, history, and findings.
- Discussion: Analysis, differential diagnosis, interventions, and outcomes.
- Implications: Clinical pearls, applications to APP or specialty practice.

+ EBP/QI OR RESEARCH-BASED

Criteria: Report EBP projects, QI initiatives, or original research addressing APP-related questions. Include clear methodology, data analysis, and implications. Must adhere to ethical standards (e.g., IRB approval if applicable).

Formatting:

- Authors/Affiliations: Author names, role, and organization.
- Submission Category: e.g., Professional Topics, Clinical or Case Based, EBP/QI or Research Based.
- Background/Purpose: Problem statement and objectives.
- Methods: Design, sample, interventions, and analysis.
- Results: Key findings.
- Conclusion/Implications: Interpretation and relevance to APP field.

