

**2024 VASCULAR ANNUAL MEETING
CALL FOR EDUCATION SESSION PROPOSALS**

The Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) is seeking proposals for **Education Sessions** in consideration of the Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM), June 19-22, 2024, at McCormick Place, Chicago, IL.

Description of Education Sessions*:

Education 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. The Education Sessions, which make up close to 50% of programming each day of the meeting, occur in varying size, meet the educational needs of different age groups/practice settings, taking formats such as small group interactive lectures, case-based courses, hands-on, and innovative/non-didactic approaches.

The proposal process is highly competitive; therefore, every proposal needs to be of the highest quality. On average, SVS receives close to 60 proposals each year. In previous years, 10-18 proposals have been accepted depending on program formatting and needs. **Therefore, SVS is seeking proposals that will make address in needs in patient care and/or the professional development of the vascular team members.**

Review & Selection Processes

After online submission, proposals are judged blindly through an 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, sometimes with suggestions for further development, 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 on the development and delivery of the proposed sessions, 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 clinical and non-clinical content areas of interest when submitting a proposal:
 - Arterial occlusive disease
 - Cerebrovascular disease
 - Surgical exposure/techniques
 - Quality Improvement
 - Leadership
 - Career building
 - Practice Administration/Management
 - Innovation
 - Vascular Surgery Advocacy and Valuation
 - Workforce Issues
 - Surgeon Wellness and Engagement

- 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 by the end of September if their proposal has been selected. If chosen, you may be asked to collaborate with another submitter on a joint session if both topics have overlapping content.
- The deadline for submission is **3pm CT, Wednesday, August 23.**

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? Include a description of the career stage, level, and practice setting.
- Proposed Format and Outline
 - Didactic lectures w/panel discussion
 - Case studies
 - Innovative (such as utilizing social media, game/talk show, etc.)
 - Skills-based (i.e. hands-on)
 - Competition
- Committee/Council/Task Force Sponsoring the Proposal, if applicable

***Clarification on the type of programming that occurs at the VAM:**

Content for the VAM is delivered in three forms:

- Scientific/abstract sessions/plenary sessions/How I Do It session - Abstracts are intended primarily for the presentation of scientific research in various topic areas.
 - These sessions occur in the morning session of the meeting
 - Abstract submission opens in November of each year.
- Education Sessions – **No longer called “invited sessions”** - The VAM Education Sessions occur in programs of varying size, taking formats such as small group interactive lectures, case-based courses, hands-on, and innovative/non-didactic approaches.
 - These sessions occur as breakfast sessions and in the afternoon. They run concurrently to other Educational Sessions.
 - There are no restrictions on who submits these proposals. Committees/volunteer groups can submit multiple high-quality proposals.
 - Educational proposal submissions open in July of each year.
- Invited/named presentations-There remains annually three invited/named sessions that occur during the VAM. They include the Crawford Forum, Greenberg Lecture, Homans Lecture, and now our new addition, the Veith Lecture. The topics for the invited sessions are selected by the SVS Leadership.

Contact vameducation@vascularsociety.org with questions.