

## **ASM 2025 – Abstract Submission**

### **Terms and Conditions**

Please ensure you carefully follow the correct process and terms and conditions. All required information should be completed. Any incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will be automatically disregarded.

#### **Key Dates**

- Abstract submission opens for ECR abstracts, Open abstracts & Case Studies abstracts – 30 January 2026, 08:00 (BST)
- Abstract submission closes for ECR abstracts, Open abstracts & Case Studies abstracts – 20 April 2026, 23:59 (BST)
- Abstract withdrawal deadline – 21 August 2026, 23:59 (BST)
- Abstract judging – from 21 April 2026
- Notification of abstract results – June 2026
- Late Breaker abstract submissions opens – 1 June 2026, 09:00 (BST)
- Late Breaker abstract submissions closes – 30 June 2026, 23:59 (BST)
- Notification of Late Breaker presentations – July 2026

#### **General**

1. Submitted abstracts must be related to hypertension or the associated prevention of cardiovascular disease.
2. Submissions after the closing date will not be considered.
3. Abstract submission is open to all BIHS members and non-members.
4. Abstracts must be submitted using the online abstract system, any abstracts submitted by email will not be accepted.
5. The maximum number of abstracts that you can submit as the main author is two.
6. If more than one abstract is submitted, only one will be eligible for any award.
7. You can be a co-author on an unlimited number of abstracts.
8. Submitted abstracts should not have been published in any journals and/or online publications at the time of abstract submission.
9. The use of commercial drug names, brands and registered trademarks in your abstract is **NOT** allowed.
10. There will be no opportunity to make any changes to the abstract after the abstract submission deadline.

#### **Submissions**

11. The main author and the person who will be presenting the abstract at the conference must be the one that submits the abstract and you may not submit an abstract on behalf of someone else.
12. The top scoring abstracts will be selected to give an oral presentation
13. In order to present your abstract at the conference, you must pay the registration fees by the 1 August 2026. Failure to register for the meeting by the 1 August 2026 will result in your abstract being withdrawn from the programme.

14. If your abstract is selected for either an oral presentation or a poster then you must plan to attend the meeting in person with said abstract and you cannot request another delegate to present in your place.
15. The author of the submitted abstract must attend the meeting in person with said abstract.
16. All submissions **must** relate to original research.
17. There are 4 types of submissions – ECR abstracts, Open Oral abstracts, Case Studies and Late Breakers. Please use the correct submissions portal for your abstract. Please check the different eligibility criteria and Terms & Conditions to make sure you submit your abstract to the correct portal category.

### **Fees**

18. Fees only apply to Industry/commercial companies.
19. Abstracts submitted by, on behalf of, or are related to industry/commercial companies will incur a fee of £500+VAT.
20. If, in some capacity, you work with industry and submit an abstract relating to any work in collaboration with that company, the abstract will be subject to a fee and will not be eligible for an oral presentation, poster storm or award.
21. Abstracts submitted by commercial companies/industry will only be eligible for a poster if selected through the judging process.
22. There are **no fees** to pay if you **are not** submitting as part of a commercial company.

### **Abstract**

23. The abstract must be a maximum of 300 words including all sub-headings.
24. The abstract title cannot be longer than 30 words.
25. No references are required within the abstract.
26. Please **do not** submit your abstract in capitals.
27. Images cannot be submitted.
28. The top scoring abstracts will be considered for an oral presentation. If you only want a poster, please tick the relevant box on the form.
29. You will be required to choose a special interest category for your abstract:
  - Basic Laboratory Science
  - Systematic Reviews
  - Genetic studies
  - Clinical Trials
  - Epidemiological studies
30. If accepted, your abstract will be published on the BIHS website within the online abstract booklet for which you will need to upload a copy of your abstract using the abstract template form. Please indicate when requested, if you do not want your abstract to be published.
31. Only abstracts with results will be accepted for review. Abstracts stating “data will be discussed in the presentation” will **not** be accepted.

### **Early Career Research (ECR)**

If you are eligible for the Early Career Research awards, and your abstract is shortlisted as one of the top 10, you will be invited to give an oral presentation. The next top 10 high scoring abstracts will be invited to present in the poster storm.

**32. You are an ECR if you are either a:**

- **Student** (undergraduate or postgraduate)
- **Clinician:** In a training-grade post up to and including specialist registrar level but not at consultant or GP level.  
**Hypertension Scientist:** A scientist if you are not more than 5yrs post PhD (allowing for career breaks).

33. If you have passed specialist registrar level during your career you will not be eligible to present in the ECR sessions nor eligible for an ECR award.

34. If you select '**yes**' to being an ECR, and submit your abstract to the ECR abstracts portal, you will only be considered for the ECR awards if you meet the criteria and provide justification as to why you believe you fulfil the criteria in the application. Please use the template provided and request signature from your supervisor.

35. If you are a member and an ECR with an accepted abstract for presentation, you may be considered for a bursary (see below for more details).

36. See below for awards

**Bursaries**

37. If you are a current paid member unable to obtain funding from your employer, are an ECR with an abstract accepted for oral presentation, you may be considered for a bursary.

**Please note the bursary is only available to BIHS Members.** If you are not a member, but wish to become a BIHS member, click on the link to join here: [\*\*JOIN BIHS\*\*](#)

By applying for a bursary, you confirm that:

- **You are a current paid member of the BIHS by the submission deadline date**
- You are unable to obtain funding from your employer/institution (please provide a letter of support using the template provided)
- You are unable to offset meeting expenses against tax or research expenses
- You are an Early Career Researcher
- You understand that your abstract must be accepted for oral presentation in order to be considered for a bursary
- The bursary consists of registration fees only, does not include any travel or accommodation and cannot be exchanged for a monetary value.
- The bursary cannot be given to someone else. If you are unable to attend, the bursary will be rescinded.
- The BIHS may also be able support BIHS member Early Career Researcher poster presenters.

38. Bursaries are applicable to registration fees only.

39. A bursary cannot be awarded 2years in a row.

40. Ensure you indicate whether you wish to be considered for a bursary on your application and providing the above conditions are met.

**41. Awards**

42. All these awards will only be open to ECRs.

43. Mark Glover Award

To be eligible for the Mark Glover Award:

- You must be the first author on the abstract, who submits the abstract and presents at the conference.
- You must be a current paid member of the BIHS
- You must be an ECR (see ECR criteria above).
- Only the top 10 scoring abstracts will be offered an ECR oral presentation, to be eligible for being judged for this award
- Any prize winners from 2025 will not be awarded any prize in 2026 but will still have the opportunity to present their research..
- The prize will only be awarded to members. If you are not a member and would like to be considered, please join the membership [JOIN BIHS](#)
- The winner will be asked to travel to Australia to present at the Australian Hypertension Annual Meeting 2027.
- The prize of up to £1000 is to spend on travel to Australia to present at the Australian Hypertension Annual Meeting 2027.
- Travel must be approved before booking.

#### 44. Robert Grayson Award

To be eligible for the Robert Grayson Award:

- You must be the first author on the abstract, who submits the abstract and presents at the conference.
- You must be an ECR
- Your abstract **must** be related to the aorta and/or blood vessels.
- You will be awarded £150 to be paid to your bank account after the ASM.
- The prize will not be awarded to the same applicant 2 years running.
- You **do not** need to be a member of the society

#### 45. Poster Award

10 ECRs will be invited to present a 60 second powerpoint slide at the poster storm. These 10 ECRs will then be asked to present their poster to 2 moderators who will judge and score. The poster award will then only be awarded to one of these 10 ECR presenters.

- To be eligible for the Poster Award you must be the first author on the abstract, who submits the abstract and presents at the conference
- You must be an ECR
- You must attend the meeting in person
- You will be awarded £100 to be paid to your bank account after the ASM.
- Your abstract will be submitted to JHH who will publish, subject to their acceptance.
- The prize will not be awarded to the same applicant 2 years running.
- You **do not** need to be a member of the society

#### 46. Open Abstracts

To be eligible for an Open Abstract Presentation:

- You must be the first author on the abstract, who submits the abstract and presents at the conference.
- You must attend the meeting in person
- You **do not** need to be a member of the society

- Only the top scoring abstracts will be offered an oral presentation; all remaining open abstracts of good quality will be invited to display their poster. (Poster storm is for ECRs only)

#### 47. Case Studies

- Submissions will be accepted as case studies if they highlight diagnostic challenges or innovative management strategies in hypertension, or service transformation and implementation in hypertension by AHPs.
- All authorship details and affiliations on submissions will be blinded to the judging panel
- No identifiable patient data or name of hospital/trust should be included with the abstract text
- You **do not** need to be a member of the society
- The top 3 studies will be invited to present in a plenary session at the meeting.
- All other good quality abstracts will be considered for posters.

#### 48. Late-Breaking Research

- Late breaking research abstracts can be submitted from 1-30 June 2026
- The categories are as follows:
  - Clinical trials - Reserved for first presentations of the primary endpoint(s) of a new clinical trial.
  - Clinical trial update - Reserved for presentations of new data or secondary analysis of a trial where the primary data have been presented previously.
  - Basic and translational science - Reserved for late submissions of important findings in Basic and Translational Cardiovascular Science, with new results that had not been available at the time of the initial submissions.
- Late breaker abstracts can only be submitted for studies for which abstracts have not already been submitted at the initial call for abstracts
- All other good quality abstracts will be considered for posters.

### Judging

49. Judging will take place from 21 April 2026

50. Late Breaker Judging will take place from 1 July 2026.

51. Decisions regarding the allocation and the type of presentation of the submitted abstract will be final. No rescheduling or changes by the submitters will be possible once the abstract deadline is closed.

52. Please note that no abstracts will be accepted after the abstract submission deadline is closed

### Privacy

53. By submitting an abstract, the author understands that their abstract, including names, will be stored electronically and may be published by the BIHS on the BIHS website.

54. By submitting an abstract, the author understands that their personal data will be stored and shared with the BIHS, BIHS Committees, and abstract reviewers involved in the abstract selection for the BIHS ASM 2026. Transfer of personal data to contractors as well as BIHS related scientific organisations may occur for production, promotion and dissemination of meeting content.

### Rights

55. Authors of submitted abstracts guarantee that the abstract (and all associated intellectual property rights) is free of any third-party rights to the fullest extent permitted by law, including but not limited to, inventor's rights of remuneration and any other ancillary rights.
56. By submitting an abstract, the submitting author confirms that they have approval from all the co-authors to submit and use the data in the abstract. If authorship is disputed, then the BIHS holds the right to reject or withdraw the abstract.