



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for the 2021 BCS annual conference can be submitted in the following categories.

- **ACHD/valve disease/pericardial disease/cardiomyopathy**
- **Acute coronary syndromes & Interventional Cardiology**
- **Allied Health Professionals/Nursing/Health Scientists**
- **Cardiac Rhythm Management**
- **Heart Failure**
- **Imaging**
- **Stable IHD/Prevention/Hypertension/Lipids**
- **Basic Science.**

For all abstract categories, submission opens: 4 January 2021, submission closes: 17:00 Wednesday 31st March 2021.

### Submitting an abstract

- Abstracts may be saved and re-edited before the final deadline. Please use the username and password on Cvent that you created to edit your abstract.
- You must click "Submit" before the abstract deadline, otherwise your abstract may not be accepted.
- Abstracts cannot be submitted after the deadline. The site will close for submission and late entries to these categories cannot be processed.
- Authors do not need to be members of the BCS.
- All submitted abstracts must not have been accepted for publication elsewhere at the time of submission.
- Multiple abstracts around the same subject or using the same dataset (salami publication) is discouraged and may be penalised by the markers where it is felt that the data could have been better presented as a single abstract.
- If accepted, one of the authors must be available to present the abstract at the BCS Annual Conference. First authors must be aware that if more than two abstracts are accepted into a single category then it may be necessary to nominate a co-author to present at the Conference in addition. Failure to present an accepted abstract may result in a three year submission ban for all authors.
- Please note that you cannot co-present an abstract with a fellow co-author.
- Please note that any changes in the presenting author for the abstract, you will need to email [abstracts@bcs.com](mailto:abstracts@bcs.com) regarding the change and copy in all the co-authors associated with the abstract.
- You are able to edit the authors of the abstract, even after it has been fully submitted. Just log in to the abstracts portal to make the necessary changes.
- Please complete all fields marked (\*) as these are required for administration.



## Formatting the abstract

- Abstract Title - upper case letters only (**max 250 characters including spaces**)
- Abstract Text - mixed case letters (**max 3,000 characters including spaces**)  
Please structure your abstract with a brief **Introduction**, explanation of basic **Methods, Results** and **Conclusions**
- **Tables** - your table should not exceed 10 rows and five columns to maintain legibility. The BCS reserves the right to withdraw an abstract if the tables are illegible. A maximum of two tables are allowed per abstract
- **Graphs** should be inserted as image files (see below)
- **Images** can be submitted as JPG & PNG formats. They will be reproduced at a maximum size of 8cm X 8cm and should be legible at this size. A maximum of two graphs, each with single x-y axis, are allowed in an image, and a maximum of two images per abstract. Images should be saved and supplied as JPG or PNG files, at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi
- You will need to enter three **keywords** associated with your abstract when submitting
- You will also need to upload a full copy of your abstract in Word format for administration purposes. Please use the upload file button to upload your document.

## Results of the judging process

- You will be notified by the end of April 2021 if your abstract has been accepted or not. Details of day/time, poster preparation and oral moderation will be included at this time
- The top three rated abstracts in each category will be presented orally with a prize being awarded to the top scoring abstract.

## Young Investigators Award

Since 2016 the Young Research Workers Prize Competition and the Young Investigators Prize competition have been amalgamated into a single competition, the Young Investigators Award.

The Young Investigators Award competition will be open for applications on 4 January 2021, with a planned closing deadline of 17:00 Wednesday 31st March 2021. The submission will be a separate process from that governing the poster abstracts and will consist of a brief communication limited to include abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion and figure legends. Research work submitted as a poster abstract can also be submitted in the YIA competition, which is a separate award competition. Please see the separate submission details for the Young Investigators Award competition.