



**Organization for the
Study of Sex Differences
2018 Annual Meeting**

***Sex as a Biological Variable
Across the Lifespan***

April 30 – May 3, 2018
Loews Atlanta Hotel
Atlanta, GA, USA

Call for Symposium Proposals

The 2018 OSSD Meeting Program Committee invites proposals for Scientific Symposia.

We welcome proposals in all areas of sex differences research, spanning the gamut from fundamental biology (including evolution, genetics, molecular/cellular biology, and physiology) to translational science and clinical research. Symposia should highlight an area of current research on sex differences, rather than being focused on issues related only to one sex.

We particularly encourage proposals involving speakers and topics new to OSSD, proposals focusing on fast-moving, timely areas, and proposals bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives on a common theme.

Symposia should be chaired by an OSSD member or co-chaired by two members. Proposals from new and prospective members are encouraged, so membership of the chair(s) is not required at the time of proposal submission. Each symposium should have three to four speakers (slots 20-30 mins each) related by a coherent theme, with topics accessible to a range of OSSD members. Speakers will typically be faculty members (or the equivalent), though up to one speaker in each panel may be a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow. The symposium chair(s) may, at their option, be included in the speaker line-up. Confirmation of participation from each speaker is helpful but not essential. When appropriate, the Program Committee may work with proposers to combine symposia or suggest additional/alternative speakers. Please note that OSSD is not able to cover costs for speaker travel or housing. However, the registration fee will be waived for **non-member speakers** who have not received a waiver in the past three years.

New this year: We also invite **individual proposals** from faculty and senior trainees for talks in any relevant area. Accepted talks will be grouped into symposia or incorporated into existing symposia as appropriate. Please use the final page of proposal form to submit an individual proposal.

Proposals may be prepared using this form and should be submitted by email to ossd2018program@gmail.com by **Oct. 20, 2017**. Please address questions to Doug Portman, OSSD 2018 Program Committee Chair (douglas.portman@rochester.edu).

Note: We recommend using Adobe Reader or Acrobat, rather than Mac OS Preview, to complete this form.

OSSD 2018 Symposium Proposal

Title of Proposed Symposium

Chair Name, Affiliation, and Contact Information

(If applicable:) Co-Chair Name, Affiliation, and Contact Information

Symposium Overview: Briefly describe the the proposed symposium's topic and the reasons why it will be of interest to OSSD attendees.

If applicable, please note any sponsorship from corporations, government agencies, or non-profit foundations, or suggestions for such sponsorship.

Speaker 1:

Name and Affiliation

Presentation Title (provisional)

Is the speaker a graduate student or postdoc/fellow? Yes No

Is the speaker's participation confirmed? Yes No

Please provide your rationale for including the speaker/topic in the symposium (*i.e.*, relevant recent publication(s), a short statement of qualifications, or a brief abstract).

Speaker 2:

Name and Affiliation

Presentation Title (provisional)

Is the speaker a graduate student or postdoc/fellow? Yes No

Is the speaker's participation confirmed? Yes No

Please provide your rationale for including the speaker/topic in the symposium (*i.e.*, relevant recent publication(s), a short statement of qualifications, or a brief abstract).

Speaker 3:

Name and Affiliation

Presentation Title (provisional)

Is the speaker a graduate student or postdoc/fellow? Yes No

Is the speaker's participation confirmed? Yes No

Please provide your rationale for including the speaker/topic in the symposium (*i.e.*, relevant recent publication(s), a short statement of qualifications, or a brief abstract).

Speaker 4 (if applicable):

Name and Affiliation

Presentation Title (provisional)

Is the speaker a graduate student or postdoc/fellow? Yes No

Is the speaker's participation confirmed? Yes No

Please provide your rationale for including the speaker/topic in the symposium (*i.e.*, relevant recent publication(s), a short statement of qualifications, or a brief abstract).

OSSD 2018 Individual Talk Proposal

Title of Proposed Talk

Speaker Name, Affiliation, and Contact Information

Keywords:

Abstract (provisional):