

2026 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 10-13, 2026, at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA.

Description of Education Sessions:

Education Sessions cover a wide range of clinical and non-clinical topics relevant to SVS members and attendees. These sessions, comprising nearly 50% of daily programming, cater to diverse age groups and practice settings through various formats, including small group lectures, case-based courses, hands-on activities, and innovative approaches.

Given the competitive nature of the proposal process, with over 70 submissions annually and only 18-22 being accepted, SVS seeks high-quality proposals that address patient care and professional development for 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 or 90 minutes.

Post-Selection

If a proposal is chosen for inclusion in the VAM program, submitters are **required** 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 along side a moderator selected from the PGEC. The PGEC moderator helps to coordinate the final agenda, supports faculty selection, and ensures no duplication of session content with other sessions occurring at the VAM.

About the Call

- Submissions can be from individuals, on behalf of SVS committees, councils and task and those from affiliate societies.
- Proposals submitted outside the online process will not be considered or reviewed.
- **Submission does not guarantee acceptance.**
- The primary contact will be notified by the end of September if their proposal has been selected.
- The deadline for submission is **3pm CT, Wednesday, August 20.**

Components Required for Submission (all proposals must be submitted through the [submission site](#), however please use the list below to work on your proposal prior to submitting)

- 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 presentation topics, suggested speakers and at least one alternative speaker for each talk)
 - This will be a more detailed outline required than in years past. You will be asked to submit presentation titles/topics, speakers and alternative 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
 - Didactic lectures w/panel discussion
 - Case studies
 - Innovative session- game/talk show
 - Skills-based (i.e. hands-on)
 - Competition
 - Debate
 - Other
 - Committee/Council/Task Force/Affiliate Society collaborating on the Proposal, if applicable
- *Submitting on behalf of any groups indicated above does not guarantee acceptance. Your submission will be reviewed blindly with all submissions during the review period.*

ACCME Standards

The Education Council and Committees oversee the development and implementation of CME activities and as such volunteers must adhere to The Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. **Per these requirements, owners, executives and employees of ineligible companies (formerly known as commercial interest) are considered to have unresolvable financial relationships and must be excluded from participating as planners or faculty.** These individuals cannot influence or control any aspect of the planning, delivery, or evaluation of accredited continuing education, except in the limited circumstances outlined in [Standard 3.2](#). All volunteers involved as planners or faculty will be required to disclose all financial relationships within the prior 24 months.

AI Policy

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