



EATA Research Committee's 2024 Call for Abstracts & Submission Guidelines
Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association 76th Annual Meeting & Clinical Symposium
Jan. 5-8, Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Mashantucket, CT

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: 11:55 p.m. October 1st 2023

Reports on experimental research, injury surveys, case studies/series, evidence-based practice, critically appraised topics (CATs), systematic reviews/meta-analyses, or other original research projects that are pertinent to the practice of Athletic Training or educational processes are welcomed from ATs, MDs, exercise physiologists, biomechanists, healthcare educators, and other relevant health care professionals. **Literature reviews are not accepted.** All abstracts will undergo a blinded and comprehensive review.

1) All abstracts will be submitted via Google forms. Guidelines for abstract preparation can be found at [HERE](#).

2) Abstracts can be submitted into 2 primary categories: Professional or Student. **The student category is eligible for any undergraduate or graduate student from a professional-level AT program.** *If you are a student enrolled in a post-professional program (i.e. post-professional master or doctoral program), please submit your abstract under the "Professional" category.*

Within each primary category, abstracts will fall into one of the following:

- Experimental
 - Basic Science
 - Qualitative
 - Survey
- Critically Appraised Topic (CAT)
 - Systematic Reviews will be submitted via this category
- Case Study Research:

Three (3) Different Levels of Case Study Research, based on their respective Level of Evidence, (Note: We are NOT soliciting Level 4 Case Study Research, only Levels I – III) are eligible for submission. Click [HERE](#) for more Author Guidelines for the type of Case Study you are submitting:

- Level I - Validation Clinical Case Report
- Level II - Exploration Case Series Report
- Level III – Exploration Case Study Report

3) Submission Process & Guidelines: we are using Google forms for all submissions. Please make sure your abstract is complete; incomplete abstracts will be automatically rejected.

a) **PRIMARY AUTHOR:** Click on the appropriate link based upon your particular abstract category. Keep in mind that you should have ALL of your materials handy when initiating the process, as **you will NOT have the ability to save portions of the application and finish at a later time.**

b) You will receive an automated email confirmation once your abstract is submitted. You will **NOT** be able to change/alter your abstract once it is submitted. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Jane McDevitt at jane.mcdevitt@temple.edu

c) **PROFESSIONAL Submission:** Please use the appropriate hyperlinks below to submit your abstract.

- **CASE Report:** [Survey Form Case](#)
- **CAT:** [Survey Form CAT](#)
- **Experimental Design:** [Survey Form Experimental](#)

- d) **STUDENT Submission:** Please use the appropriate hyperlinks below to submit your abstract. You will be required to include your faculty mentor's name and email address. Your faculty mentor will be contacted, and they must verify they have reviewed and approved your abstract. If they fail to do so, your abstract will be automatically rejected.

- **CASE Report:** [Survey Form Case](#)
- **CAT:** [Survey Form CAT](#)
- **Experimental Design:** [Survey Form Experimental](#)

4) Faculty Mentors for Student Submissions:

a) If a student, who is enrolled in a professional AT program, is submitting an abstract they are required to include their faculty mentor's name and email address.

b) If a student, who is enrolled in a Pre-AT undergraduate program, is submitting an abstract they are required to have a faculty mentor who is currently an AT and should include their name and email address. Note: Pre-AT students are not eligible for student awards as those are reserved for students enrolled in accredited AT programs.

c) Faculty mentors are expected to have reviewed and approved the abstract prior to the students' submission in order to ensure accuracy, integrity, and quality.

d) Faculty mentors will be emailed asking to confirm their approval of this abstract. Failure to answer “yes” will result in the abstract being automatically rejected.

5) Accepted abstracts will appear as submitted, in the online *EATA Conference Proceedings/Compendium*. Thus, carefully check for formatting, spelling, and grammatical errors *before submitting*. Before final distribution, your accepted abstract may be reformatted to ensure consistency.

6) The majority of accepted abstracts will be presented in poster format; however, 1 outstanding **STUDENT (UG or Graduate Student not currently certified)** and 1 outstanding **PROFESSIONAL (Certified Graduate student or PhD)** submission will be chosen for a 15-minute *Oral Presentation*; each *Abstract* winner will receive a plaque & \$200 award at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Pertinent information for the Oral Presentation winners will be sent under a separate cover.

7) *EATA Abstract Research Awards* are selected annually and in addition to the Oral Presentations mentioned above, 1 **STUDENT (UG or Graduate Student not currently certified)** and 1 **PROFESSIONAL (Certified Graduate student or PhD)** winner in the poster presentation categories will be chosen from 3 finalists in each category following review of the presented posters. Recipients will be announced, and each winner will receive a monetary award & recognition plaque at the EATA Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.

8) Any abstract submitted for presentation at the *Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium* is eligible to, and encouraged, to submit their work to subsequent *National Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Conferences*. **However**, abstracts previously presented at national or international meetings, and those published elsewhere are prohibited for EATA submission.