

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

66th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association

Mérida, México | AUGUST 22-25, 2024

The 66th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association (PA) will be held from Thursday evening, August 22nd, through Sunday afternoon August 25, 2024, in Mérida, México. The deadline for receiving all submissions is Thursday, February 15, 2024. Submissions received after this date will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. Abstracts of all accepted submissions other than workshops will be included in the convention booklet, provided they are received before the deadline. All submissions to the 2024 PA Convention must be submitted electronically via the [Submission Form](#). Alternatively, you may email submissions as attachments to the Chair of the Program Committee, Dr. Erika A. Pratte, at convention_program@parapsych.org.

Authors who are not online or who, for some other reason, cannot meet these requirements should contact Dr. Pratte before submission, either by mail or by phone, using the following information:

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Preparation of Submissions:

	Full paper	Research Brief	Poster	Symposium	Panel discussion	Workshop
Time allotment (including discussion)	30 min.	15 min.	n/a	up to 90 min.	60-90 min.	60-90 min.
Submission format	extended abstract	extended abstract	extended abstract	extended abstract	brief abstract	brief abstract
Eligibility	public	public	public	only PA Professional & Associate Members	only PA Professional & Associate Members	only PA Professional & Associate Members



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The convention booklet will consist of paper *Abstracts* only. The purpose of this policy is to encourage the publication of our material in professional journals. If the submission is selected, suggested changes in the abstract may be asked to fit the convention booklet standards. However, submitted papers will still be peer-reviewed, and they should be submitted using [this submission template](#).

Extended abstracts should include sufficient information for referees to judge the paper's adequacy and comprise 600 – 1200 words.

Brief abstracts should contain no more than 500 words.

Anyone may submit a full paper, poster, or research brief for consideration by the Program Committee. The paper may be on any aspect of parapsychology. They may also report fieldwork or case studies relevant to parapsychology.

Papers submitted for presentation should be accompanied by information about any audio-visual aids required. If a paper has multiple authors, the submitted paper should indicate which author will give the presentation. *In absentia* presentations are discouraged and will be allowed only in very exceptional circumstances.

Student Members of the PA participating in the convention may be eligible for travel assistance through the Robert L. Morris Student Travel Grant Program. Additional information and application materials are available [here](#).

Note that the abstracts accompanying accepted papers will be published in the convention booklet and on the PA website, and full videos of the convention presentations will be uploaded to a members-only section of the PA website. Some videos may be selected for public sharing on YouTube. Abstracts of full papers and posters may also be published in the *Journal of Parapsychology*.

FULL PAPERS should be of sufficient depth for a 20-minute presentation followed by 10 minutes of discussion. The Program Committee will not consider proposals for research that have not yet been carried out, nor will the Committee consider papers already published in English prior to the Convention. Recent papers that have been previously published in a language other than English are acceptable, provided that the paper is translated and submitted in English.

POSTERS are papers or other materials presented in summary form on poster board in a room near the convention floor. Poster sessions are appropriate for short papers, material that is particularly amenable to visual displays (e.g., demonstration of equipment or techniques), or highly technical papers that cannot be communicated effectively in a brief lecture format to a general scientific audience. Authors who want their papers presented in a poster session should pay particular attention to the preparation of visual materials.

Copies of photographs to be used in the poster may be included with the submission. Otherwise, the submission requirements are the same as for full papers.

SYMPOSIA consist of formal presentations on related topics. Proposals for symposia should include a summary sheet indicating the title, chairperson, participants, order of presentation, and proposed time allotment (up to 90 minutes, including discussion periods). Symposia submissions must include full papers plus abstracts from each participant, prepared according to the instructions presented above. Only PA Professional and Associate Members may propose a symposium, but non-members may participate in the symposium.

RESEARCH BRIEFS are short papers reporting recently completed work or research in progress. The brief should be adequately summarized within a 15-minute presentation, including time for questions.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND WORKSHOPS. Only PA Professional and Associate Members may propose a panel discussion or workshop. Panel discussions are intended to maximize spontaneous interactions among panelists and between panelists and the audience. They should not be used to report original data or analyses. Panel discussions could range from 60 to 90 minutes, and the chairperson should provide for substantial discussion time.

Proposals should include a summary sheet that lists the panel title, chairperson, panelists (at least four), order of presentation, and time allotments, as well as brief abstracts from each panelist. Submitters are encouraged to set up panel discussions in a debate format.

Workshops are informal discussions of specific topics. Proposals for workshops should include a summary sheet listing the title, chairperson, other presenting participants, type of activity, and a description of the intended content in a brief abstract.

For any assistance with your submission, please contact the Program Chair at: convention_program@parapsych.org

