**Call for Abstracts and Lightning Talks 2024**

The MSGERC is a global entity, bringing together investigators from around the world. At its Biennial Meeting, leaders in clinical mycology come together to discuss the challenges we face in our field today and those we anticipate in the coming years. Early Career investigators are the future of our field, and *Clinical Mycology Today* will provide an unmatched level of engagement, knowledge base, and vision of future challenges and probable solutions. We value your involvement and contributions, and hope you’ll consider submitting an Abstract for the MSGERC 2024 Biennial Meeting.

**OVERVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS**

New this year, two pathways are offered for abstract submission:

1. **Scientific Abstracts**
Scientific abstracts will be considered for poster presentation. Applicants who are ID Fellows or Early Career Faculty will have the *option* to be considered for an Early Career Lightning Talk (if selected, this would be in lieu of a poster).

MSGERC Scientific topics include:
	* Aspergillus and other Moulds
	* Candida
	* Cryptococcus
	* Endemic and other Mycoses
	* Cases in Medical Mycology
	* Therapeutics and Diagnostics
2. **Career Development Abstracts (ID Fellows and Early Career Faculty only)**
Career Development Abstracts will require a Personal Statement as well as an overview of current research/work in progress. These submissions will be considered for Early Career Lightning Talks and do not involve poster development. View [examples](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLk_jcbwV62v2ZMNJKGJPcjkLn2hwfnoO_) of this presentation format from the MSGERC 2022 Biennial Meeting.

Posters will be selected by members of the MSGERC Scientific Committee, while Early Career Lightning Talks will be selected by members of the MSGERC Early Career Committee. Applicants may pursue one or both pathways.

Accepted Posters and Early Career Lightning Talks will be presented at MSGERC’s 2024 Biennial Meeting, *Clinical Mycology Today*. The meeting will take place September 4-6, 2024, at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA.

Posters will be on display for the duration of the meeting, with a dedicated Poster Session where authors will have an opportunity to share their work and interact directly with other attendees.

Six submissions will be chosen for Early Career Lightning Talks (10-minute oral presentations, followed by a panel discussion) and they may be a mix of Scientific and Career Development topics, at the Early Career Committee’s discretion.

**DEADLINE**

All Scientific and Early Career Development submissions must be received in the MSGERC office by **Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET.**

**NOTIFICATION AND AWARDS**

**Abstracts will not be accepted after Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET.**

* All primary authors will be notified of the outcome of their submission on/before **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**
* ID Fellows and Early Career Faculty receive a discounted meeting registration rate of $400 (USD)
* ID Fellows and Early Career Faculty are eligible for poster prizes (three will be awarded in the amount of $500 USD each)
* Authors selected for an Early Career Lightning Talk will receive waived meeting registration and additional financial support to attend the meeting.

We look forward to receiving your submission.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION LINK**

**Upload your completed forms here:** [**MSGERC Biennial 2024 Abstracts**](https://kme18-my.sharepoint.com/%3Af%3A/g/personal/jcox_kassalen_org/EqXE3tFy2yRFp4-jI7KZR7YBfmLA3v-x5hY0koD9eBG4xw)

Pleaseuse the following format to name your file: <MSGERC2024\_*yourlastname*.doc>

**For additional information,** please contact Jennifer Cox at Headquarters@MSGERC.org.

**Completed Applications must be received by Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET.**

**2024 APPLICATION**

**Guidelines and Responsibilities**

Abstract submission deadline is **Wednesday, July 17, 11:59 pm ET**

Your acceptance of the Guidelines and Responsibilities is required for your submission to be reviewed for the

MSGERC 2024 Biennial Meeting, *Clinical Mycology Today*.

1. All components of the application must be typed; handwritten materials are not acceptable.
2. All application materials must be uploaded electronically, using the provided link, with the filename <MSGERC2024\_*yourlastnam*e.doc>.
3. I will complete the Application in full, including the Guidelines and Responsibilities form.
4. As primary author, if my Scientific Abstract is accepted for poster presentation, I will register for and attend the MSGERC 2024 Biennial Meeting and will present my poster during the designated Poster Session. I understand that I am responsible for the registration fee and any other expenses related to attending the meeting, unless otherwise specified.
5. If I am a poster presenter, I agree to check in at the MSGERC registration desk a minimum of 30‐minutes prior to the opening lectures on Wednesday, September 4th, which begin at 3:30 pm (15:30) to set up my poster during that time frame.
6. If I am a poster presenter, I understand that I will be responsible for providing a physical poster and that the size and mounting requirements for my poster will be communicated to me by **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**.
7. If I am a poster presenter, I understand a digital version of my poster will be available to meeting attendees. The deadline to submit this version of an accepted poster is **Friday, August 23, 2024**.
8. If I am selected for an Early Career Lightning Talk, I will register for and attend the MSGERC 2024 Biennial Meeting and will make my 10-minute oral presentation at the designated time. I understand that my registration fee will be waived and that I will receive additional financial support to attend the meeting, but that l may incur some expenses related to travel, lodging, meals, or other costs.
9. I understand that I may provide physical handouts to accompany my poster or Early Career Lightning Talk if I would like to do so.

**I have read MSGERC’s Poster Author/Presenter Guidelines and Responsibilities and agree
to all terms.**

Your typed name below serves as your electronic signature is required for your poster to be considered.

**Signature:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Primary Author Information:**

**Name of Primary Author:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Position Title/Credentials:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Preferred Mailing Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Preferred Email Address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Institutional Affiliation:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Are you:** [ ]  **ID Fellow** [ ]  **Early Career Faculty**

**Applicants may pursue one or both of the following pathways:**

[ ]  **I am submitting a Scientific Abstract (complete page 5)**

[ ]  **I am submitting a Career Development Abstract (Complete page 6)**

**For Scientific submissions, please list all secondary authors to be identified on your poster:**

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\* For additional co-authors please copy this form and include it with your submission.

**Scientific Poster Abstract (complete if applicable)**

**For ID Fellows/Early Career Faculty only:**

[ ]  **I would like my Scientific Abstract to be considered for an Early Career Lightning Talk. If selected, my oral presentation will be in lieu of a Poster.**

**Abstract Requirements:**

The abstract must be 250 words or less, in Arial 12 pt. font, and must contain

1. Title, IN ALL CAPS, which represents the content of the poster (and oral presentation, if applicable)
2. Four structured sections, to include Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion

You may include one table OR one figure that will count towards the word count limit.

**Insert Scientific Abstract (cut/paste):**

**Career Development Abstract (complete if applicable)**

**Abstract Requirements:**

The abstract must be in Arial 12 pt. font, and must contain

1. Title, IN ALL CAPS, which represents the content of the oral presentation
2. Personal Statement, 250 words or less, to include
	1. General descriptions of what you do and your institution
	2. Information about your career path and development
	3. Sources of excitement and concern in your research or career path
3. Overview of your research or work in progress, 250 words or less (for example, a sample of prior work, or a future project for which you’d welcome feedback)

 **Insert Career Development Abstract (cut/paste):**