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2027 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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This FAQ provides answers to common questions about registration, membership, presenters, accepted abstracts, student volunteers, community partners, visa invitation letters, hotel information, and exhibiting at the SSWR 2027 Annual Conference.

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REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP

When does early-bird conference registration end?

Early-bird conference registration ends on **December 1, 2026**.

When will conference online registration close?

Online registration will remain open through the end of the conference on **January 24, 2027**. Late/on-site registration pricing begins **January 9, 2027**. Attendees registering after **January 8**, including those registering on-site, will be charged the late/on-site rate and may complete their registration online.

Does my conference registration fee include all conference activities?

No. Your conference registration fee covers general conference attendance, but some optional activities require a separate fee. Separate fees apply for:

- Preconference Sessions
- Meet Scientist Luncheon
- Guest Tickets for Receptions
- Continuing Education (CE)

Any additional applicable fees are listed during registration.

Does SSWR offer a one-day registration rate?

No. SSWR does not offer a one-day registration rate.

I am a presenter at SSWR 2027. Do I need to pay for membership and register for the conference?

Yes. As stated in the Call for Papers and as an SSWR policy, all presenters (in person and virtual) must register for the conference and pay their 2027 membership dues by **December 31, 2026**.

Can I join or renew SSWR now for the 2027 membership year?

Yes. You may join or renew now for the 2027 membership year. You do not need to wait until December or January.

How do I receive the SSWR member registration rate?

You must be logged into your SSWR account on the SSWR website when you register for the conference. If you are not yet a member, you must join/renew first, then register at the member rate.

The membership and registration system looks different. Is that expected?

Yes. SSWR introduced a new membership and registration system in 2026, so the login and registration process may look different than in prior years. If you need assistance accessing your account, joining, renewing, or registering, please contact SSWR at info@sswr.org.

What if I need an invoice to complete my conference registration?

If you need an invoice to complete your conference registration, please contact Kristen Reamy at kristen@sswr.org. Please allow up to five business days for invoice processing and submit your request well in advance of the **December 1 early-bird registration deadline**. Payment must be received before the conference.

What if I need ADA accommodation or have special accessibility needs for the conference?

If you require ADA accommodations or have other accessibility or special needs, please contact Kristen Reamy at kristen@sswr.org before the early-bird registration deadline on **December 1, 2026**, so SSWR has adequate time to coordinate appropriate arrangements.

Join or Renew Your SSWR Membership

Register for the 2027 Annual Conference

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

The Student Volunteer option is limited to current SSWR student members only and will fill up quickly. We are unable to accommodate additional volunteers after the volunteer application closes on November 6, 2026.

When is the deadline to apply to be a student volunteer?

The student volunteer application deadline is **November 6, 2026.**
There are a limited number of student volunteer positions and applications will be closed once full.

Who is eligible for the Student Volunteer registration option?

The Student Volunteer option is available ONLY to current SSWR student members who are logged into their SSWR account. The 2027 Student Volunteer registration rate is **$20**. Students may join SSWR here.

How does the Student Volunteer process work?

- Become a current SSWR Student Member and log into your SSWR account.
- Register for the conference using the Student Volunteer registration option for $20.
- Student Volunteer registrations are individually reviewed. You will receive an email with approval information and instructions, and you will need to respond to finalize your volunteer assignment(s).
- After approval, you will receive available volunteer time slots and select your preferred times.

Check out the Student Volunteer webpage for more Information.

Should I register at the regular student rate and request a refund later?

No. If you plan to participate as a Student Volunteer, please use the Student Volunteer registration option rather than registering at the regular student conference rate.

PRESENTERS & ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS

Who needs to complete the presenter confirmation?

Only the presenting author needs to complete the presenter confirmation for an accepted presentation by **September 18**. If you are listed as a co-author, there is no further action required. If you missed this deadline, please contact A. DeeJay Hastings, AE-MBA, IOM, CAE, SSWR program director, at dj@sswr.org.

What if I am the presenting author on more than one accepted presentation?

If you are presenting more than one presentation, you may use the presenter confirmation form to confirm your participation by September 18. Submitting your confirmation will confirm all of your presentations. However, if you would like to withdraw a presentation, please email A. DeeJay Hastings, AE-MBA, IOM, CAE, at dj@sswr.org.

Do presenters need to be SSWR members?

Yes. As stated in the Call for Papers (https://sswr.org/page/Call-for-Papers) and as SSWR policy, all presenters (in person and virtual) are required to be current 2027 SSWR members at the time of the conference.

Community partners are exempt from the SSWR membership requirement. All presenters, including those exempt from membership, must still register for the conference at the applicable registration rate.

This policy does not apply to co-authors. However, if a co-author plans to attend the conference, they can choose to register for the conference only and not join membership.

Can the presenting author be changed after a submission has been accepted?

Yes. You may change the presenting author after acceptance. Please notify A. DeeJay Hastings, AE-MBA, IOM, CAE, at dj@sswr.org by **October 1, 2026**.

Can co-authors be added or changed after a submission has been accepted?

Yes. Authorship changes are permitted after acceptance. Please notify A. DeeJay Hastings, AE-MBA, IOM, CAE, at dj@sswr.org by **October 1, 2026**.

Can a presenter attend only their session without registering for the conference?

No. All presenters are expected to register for the conference, regardless of how much of the conference they plan to attend. This was communicated in the call for abstracts. https://sswr.org/page/Call-for-Papers.

Can a presenter participate virtually?

Yes. A presenter may participate in a session via Zoom, provided at least one presenter from the session is physically present onsite to facilitate the session. The presenter onsite is responsible for setting up and managing their own Zoom room and sharing the link with virtual co-authors.

Does SSWR provide AV support for virtual presenters?

No. SSWR does not provide AV support for Zoom setup, sound, or troubleshooting. Presenters are responsible for facilitating their own Zoom connection and addressing any technical issues.

Do virtual presenters need to register for the conference?

Yes. All presenters must register for the conference, including those participating virtually. This was communicated in the call for abstracts. https://sswr.org/page/Call-for-Papers.

COMMUNITY PARTNER REGISTRATION

Is there a Community Partner registration rate?

Yes. The Community Partner registration rate is **$240** during early-bird registration through **December 1, 2026**. Select the Community Partner category during registration.

Do Community Partner presenters need to be SSWR members?

No. Community Partners are not required to hold SSWR membership. However, community partner presenters who plan to attend the conference must still register using the Community Partner registration rate.

Do Community Partners who are co-authors need to register?

Yes, if they plan to attend the conference. Community Partners who are co-authors on a presentation and plan to attend the conference must register using the Community Partner registration rate.

Can an international attendee qualify for the Community Partner rate?

Yes, if they meet the eligibility requirements: they do not primarily perform research or evaluation duties; are not employed by a research-focused organization or university; and are not employed by a federal government agency. SSWR does not require supporting documentation for registration in this category. Examples of Community Partners are the following:

- Child welfare workers
- Social service organization administrators
- School social workers
- Mental health program coordinators
- Individual clinicians
- Caseworkers in social service agencies
- Individuals with lived experience of foster care, homelessness, or other structural social issues

Can an international attendee qualify for the Low-Income and Lower-Middle-Income rate?

Yes, if they are currently living in an economy classified by the World Bank as low income or lower middle income. View the current list of eligible economies.

VISA INVITATION LETTERS

Can SSWR provide an invitation letter for a visa application?

Yes. To prepare an invitation letter, SSWR asks the attendee to provide the following information:

Full official name, exactly as it appears on the passport
Date of birth
Passport number
Nationality

Can my accepted presentation be included in the invitation letter?

Yes. You may include presenter status and accepted presentation details when applicable.

HOTEL & IMPORTANT DEADLINES

What are the key 2027 conference deadlines?

Doctoral Student Travel Award applications: **October 22, 2026**
Student Volunteer applications: **November 6, 2026**
Hotel early-bird reservation deadline: **November 15, 2026**
Conference early-bird registration deadline: **December 1, 2026**
Exhibits and Advertising deadline: **December 1, 2026**

Where can I reserve a hotel room?

Hotel reservation information and the official conference hotel booking link are available on the SSWR Hotel Reservations page: Hotel Reservations

EXHIBITORS

What is the 2027 Single Exhibit Booth rate?

A Single Exhibit Booth is **$1,550 through December 1, 2026**, and **$1,850 after December 1**. Each exhibitor receives one complimentary conference registration with booth purchase.

When is my booth order considered complete?

After SSWR receives your exhibitor request, you must complete payment before we provide the final booth selection form. Your booth order is not complete until we receive payment and the booth selection form. Booths are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

2027 Exhibits & Advertising Information

ADVERTISING

What advertising opportunities are available for the 2027 SSWR Annual Conference?

Full-page, full-color advertisements are available in the 2027 SSWR Conference Program at the following rates:

- **Inside Front Cover: $3,950 - SOLD**
- **Inside Back Cover: $3,950 - SOLD**
- **Inside Program: $1,975**

Inside front and inside back cover placements are limited to one advertiser each and are subject to availability.

When is the deadline to submit an advertising request?

Submit advertising requests by **December 1, 2026**. We will accommodate requests received after December 1 only if space remains available, and they may be subject to additional fees.

When is advertising artwork due?

Camera-ready advertising artwork is due by **December 8, 2026,** and must be submitted as a print-ready, high-resolution PDF that meets SSWR's advertising specifications.

View the 2027 Advertising Specifications

When is my advertising placement confirmed?

Advertising placements are subject to availability and are not confirmed until your request has been reviewed and you receive written confirmation from SSWR. We will provide payment instructions after we review and approve your request.

Is there a combined exhibitor and advertising package?

Yes. The Exhibitor and Advertiser Package includes one exhibit booth and one full-page, full color inside advertisement. The package is **$3,225 through December 1, 2026**, and **$3,525 after December 1**, based on availability.

Submit an Advertising Request
2027 Exhibits & Advertising Information

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