Participant FAQs

What is the poster session hall?

Research from 700 medical students, residents and fellows, and international medical graduates with qualifying abstract scores will be featured in the poster session hall, the most research ever featured at the AMA Research Challenge.

What is the semifinals hall?

Research from the top 50 scored abstracts will be featured in the semifinals hall and will include vote buttons. AMA members and presenters have 3 votes to cast in the semifinals hall to determine the top 5 finalists to advance to the AMA Research Challenge finals.

If I am a top voted finalist, what happens next?

The top 5 voted finalists will be notified after the event and invited to participate in the AMA Research Challenge finals to present research virtually to an elite panel of judges and compete to win. Winner will receive a $10,000 grand prize sponsored by Laurel Road. Details and next steps for finalists will be communicated directly.

How do I submit my digital materials?

An intake form link is distributed directly to accepted participants invited to feature research in either the poster session hall or the semifinals hall. Please select the appropriate hall in the intake form. If you did not receive the email, please contact researchsymposium@ama-assn.org.

What is the format for my digital poster?

Prepare your digital poster as a one slide PowerPoint with 16:9 aspect ratio. Get tips for preparing your digital materials with step-by-step instructions on how to prepare a research poster and present in a virtual environment. Watch the video

What is the deadline for submitting my digital materials?

The deadline to submit digital materials for the poster session hall and semifinals hall is Monday, Oct. 4 by 11:59 p.m. Central time.

When do I need to be available? What are the expectations on participation?

The AMA Research Challenge poster session and semifinals will kick off at 9 a.m. Central on Oct. 21 and conclude at 5 p.m. Central on Oct. 23. Access to the event and posters will be available throughout the event duration. You do not need to be accessible throughout the event but we encourage you to log in to view posters, vote for research in the semifinals hall, and connect with colleagues.

Can a co-author participate in my place?

No. The lead author/submitter is the invited presenter for either the poster session hall or semifinals hall. Encourage your co-authors to register for the event for access to view research, interact with presenters, and vote for research in the semifinals hall (voting is an AMA member exclusive opportunity).

Can a co-author participate in my pre-recorded video presentation?

No. The lead author/submitter is the only permitted presenter. A pre-recorded video presentation up to 2 minutes in length is optional for participation in the poster session hall and required for participation in the semifinals hall.
Can I feature research that has already been published?
You may not feature research if it was published as of the abstract submission deadline, July 27, 2021.

Can I present research that was accepted to another conference or research event?
Yes, it is acceptable to present research in the AMA Research Challenge if you have also been accepted to present at another conference or research event.

Can I view a list of all participants?
Yes, a participant directory will be posted on the AMA Research Challenge web page soon.

Who can vote for research in the semifinals hall?
All AMA member attendees, including you as a presenter, have access to cast 3 votes for research in the semifinals hall.

How do I access the event?
The event platform link and login instructions will be sent in advance of the event. As a participant, you do not need to complete a registration.

How do I view posters during the event?
Once logged in to the event platform, click on semifinals hall and poster session hall. To view posters, you can scroll through the list, search by keyword or author, or filter by the following categories:

- Basic Science
- Clinical and Transitional Research
- Clinical Vignettes (poster session hall only)
- Health Systems Science
- Medical Education Innovation
- Public Health and Health Policy

Can my family and friends view my poster?
Yes! We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and colleagues to view your research. Share the AMA Research Challenge register link with your network. As a presenter, you do not need to complete a registration.