

**Toward a Holistic Developmental Science:**  
Catalyzing Transdisciplinary Multi-Sector Collaborations  
to Understand and Support Human Development



## Call for Submissions

**A Presidential Special Topic Meeting:**  
*Toward a Holistic Developmental Science:*  
*Catalyzing Transdisciplinary Multi-Sector Collaborations to Understand  
and Support Human Development*

**June 9 - 11, 2022 | St. Louis, Missouri, USA**

Submissions site: <https://my.srcd.org/Call-for-Submissions>

**Submission Deadline: December 13, 2021, 8:00pm EST**

**Organizers:** Nancy E. Hill, Harvard University; Mary Helen Immordino-Yang, University of Southern California; Shauna Cooper, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

At this time, we anticipate that the meeting will be taking place on-site in St. Louis, MO. Therefore, all presenters will be expected to attend in person. While in St. Louis, SRCD will be following all CDC and state/local guidelines regarding COVID-19. The conference hotel, Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, has also instituted [Hilton CleanStay](#) protocols to ensure a safe experience for their guests.

### ABOUT THIS MEETING

This conference is designed to create intellectually rich contexts to seed new synergistic collaborations across and within the developmental sciences. Structured to promote authentic, cross-cutting discussions, this meeting is designed to cultivate new collaborations across disciplinary focus, across methodological lenses, and levels of analysis.

If you are one who attends a conference and tries to apply what you have learned to your own research only to find that you are doing that alone or with your own lab when you want to develop collaborations that cut across disciplinary or methodological lenses, if you are one who is eager to present your most significant findings and see those findings applied to new research in new areas, if you are ready to conduct truly integrative work across sectors of developmental science, we urge you to submit your best ideas and come ready to engage across disciplines and sectors of the developmental sciences.

Although we know that human development unfolds within a myriad of levels, systems, and contexts-- biological and neuroscience levels, at community and cultural levels, within families and social relationships, along with individuals' meaning, making developmental science and methodologies often exist in silos. We attend conferences, learn about work in our immediate areas, while craving opportunities to have deep conversations with people who are interested in similar outcomes and processes but study these from different lenses. This conference is intentionally designed to break down those barriers and have authentic and generative conversations that lead to novel and innovative research collaborations

Significantly, for the developmental sciences to embrace the diversity of normative human development more fully, the field needs to revisit the assumptions embedded in our methods and measurement and redefine and refine constructs and measurement. The field needs to work in collaboration with the communities in which children grow up and with agencies that impact their development. The field needs research that communicates across paradigms, methodologies, and theoretical orientations. The field needs research that is informed by the communities, practitioners, and policy makers who will use it.

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### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Submission Limits:** There is a limit of 2 presenting roles for either members or nonmembers of SRCD.
2. **Presenting Roles, Defined:**
  - Presenting Author of an accepted format

#### *Additional Considerations:*

1. Only presenting roles will be protected from schedule conflicts (see role definitions above).
2. There is no limit to the number of authors for a submission. Non-presenting author roles *are not protected* from schedule conflicts.
3. Do not submit the same material in more than one format.
4. SRCD normally does not accept submissions that have been presented or published before the meeting unless they differ substantially from the original in presenting additional data, new findings, or additional comparisons, etc. Even in cases where SRCD members may not have had access to your original presentation, the current submission should not duplicate an earlier presentation.
5. During the submission process, you will be asked to select a review panel, a sector you most wish to connect your research with, a broad developmental outcome that is the focus of your research, and a sentence describing your research area.
6. **Plan ahead and submit early!**
  - The Submission site will open mid-October.
  - You may edit your submission at any time prior to the submission deadline, December 13.
  - View and/or print your submission proof and review it carefully.
  - **No changes can be made *after* the submission deadline**, December 13.
7. All meeting attendees, including those in a presenting role, must register with the appropriate registration fee.
8. SRCD membership is not required to submit; however, we encourage you to [take advantage of the benefits of membership](#): *Members in the Society are offered a significant discount on conference registration in addition to eligibility for a variety of resources and initiatives.*

Questions? Please contact the Meetings Team at [programoffice@srcd.org](mailto:programoffice@srcd.org).

### SUBMISSION REVIEW PANELS

Submitters will choose one of the following “sectors” (review panel) that best reflects your research. In addition, using the same list, submitters will select the sector that you most wish to connect your research with.

1. Participatory Research
2. Qualitative, Ethnographic, and/or Grounded Research
3. Neuroscience
4. Biological Processes
5. Organization/Systems
6. Survey and Quantitative Methodologies
7. Observational Research
8. Conceptualization and Measurement
9. Other (please describe)

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Finally, submitters will select one of the 5 broad developmental outcomes that are the focus of your research.

1. **Mental health**
2. **Achievement and academic adjustment**
3. **Cultural competence, antiracism, inclusion**
4. **Civic and community-based engagement**
5. **Well-being/life satisfaction**
6. **Other (please describe)**

### SUBMISSION FORMATS

**Submission Formats:** Submissions will be accepted in the following formats and be peer-reviewed.

**Plenary Submission.** Are you already doing research that cuts across paradigms and methodologies and want to share the benefits, challenges, and best practices for doing this type of research, along with your most integrative findings? Submit for a presentation among the plenaries. These presentations will provide exemplars and models of integrative multi-sector, multidisciplinary research, while also catalyzing new research. For example, a plenary submission would describe research that is already integrating community-based or community participatory research with neuroscience and/or biological sciences or research that is integrated in a research-practice partnership that cuts across diverse research methodologies. These are examples. There are countless possibilities. If accepted, your presentations will be organized by topics into plenary panels. Because of the integrative nature of this type of research, more than one presenter can be proposed (e.g., presenters reflecting the multiple disciplines or sectors). *Plenary Panel sessions will be 90 minutes, with each talk averaging 15-20 minutes.*

**Join a Working Roundtable.** Are you interested in developing new collaborations across sectors, theoretical orientations, or methodologies? Submit your research findings and ideas to share with others who have similar interests in developmental processes or outcomes, but from different disciplinary and/or methodological lenses. Submit the research ideas or findings from your current research that you believe will be of most interest to others and the type of research you think would benefit from your research. For these submissions, you will present your findings in an accessible way that allows for deep discussion and integration among others with common interests. You can submit as a team or as an individual submission. The conference organizers will construct roundtables based on commonalities among submissions. Further, conference organizers might request that these presentations be exhibited as brief video clips, posters, discussion boards or other interactive and engaging modalities. *Working Roundtable sessions will be 110 minutes.*

**Policy, Practitioner, and Funder Submission.** Are you working directly in the field as a practitioner, or in the policy arena? Do you have ideas about what practitioners and policy want and need from a more integrative developmental science? Are you a funder who is looking to shape the next generation of research in the developmental sciences? These submissions will pose the most pressing issues for which more integrative developmental sciences could provide insight and describe how their sites are focused on or interested in a stronger connection between science and practice. Further, Policy and Practitioner Submissions may express an interest in becoming a collaborative site for integrative research that may be developed at the conference. *Presentations will average 15-20 minutes.*

**Individual Poster Presentation.** Do you have findings you want to be part of the discourse but are not ready to commit to a working roundtable? A poster presentation may be right for you. These are individual, free-standing research presentations. They are the appropriate format when material can be explained briefly, is suited for graphic or visual presentation, and/or the presenter would benefit from high levels of interaction and discussion. Poster presentations will be organized by topic and/or sector. Posters presentations will occur in conjunction with the Working Roundtables to maximize interactive discussions among attendees who share common interests but different disciplinary, methodological, or theoretical lenses. *Posters will be visited by attendees 30 minutes in advance of the Working Roundtable.*

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### REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

The focus of the conference is to catalyze new research that integrates theories methods and lenses across disciplines. As such, the review process is designed to identify ideas and teams of researchers, practitioners and/or policy makers that are ready to develop multi-sector, transdisciplinary research projects. As such, the review criteria emphasize a readiness for new research.

1. Plenary submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - a. The breadth and depth of the transdisciplinary program of research
  - b. Clarity of formulation/conceptualization as it relates to a holistic developmental science
  - c. Adequacy of methods
  - d. Appropriateness of interpretations
  - e. Importance of topic
2. Working Roundtable submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - a. Clarity of ideas/conceptualization
  - b. Readiness for transdisciplinary collaboration
  - c. Strength of methodological lens within one's own discipline
  - d. Importance of topic
3. Policy, Practice and Funding submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria
  - a. Significance of the problem proposed
  - b. Readiness for research, policy, practice collaborations
  - c. Clarity of ideas
4. Poster submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - a. Clarity of formulation/conceptualization of topic
  - b. Adequacy of methods
  - c. Appropriateness of interpretation
  - d. Importance of the topic
5. A submission that does not adhere to the rules and procedures will receive a low rating. For example,
  - a. Do not include author names or other identifying material (i.e., grant support) as part of the abstract unless required (i.e., working roundtable).
  - b. Submitting material more than once could result in a submission not being reviewed.
  - c. The abstract lacks sufficient information and detail for reviewer evaluation. Evaluation of the methods will be sensitive to qualitative and case study approaches as well as quantitative approaches.
6. Reviewers may consider SRCD's [strategic plan](#) when evaluating submissions that are of equivalent scientific merit.

### ENTERING DATA INTO THE SUBMISSION WEBSITE

**Please note:** *Whatever you enter is what will appear in the online program.*

1. **Please enter a complete, formal name** (e.g., Samuel T. Jones; H. Jessica Smith-Barton), **current email address**, and **affiliation for each person**. Please do not enter author names in all upper-case letters or all lower-case letters. This requirement serves to uniquely identify a person included on your submission and ensures that authors receive email communications regarding the decision status of the submission.
2. **Titles:** Enter a title for the submission with no more than 15 words. Use mixed-case letters (upper-case for the first letter of all words with 4 or more letters and lower-case letters for the remainder of the words) and appropriate punctuation.
3. **One person must enter all information for an entire submission.**

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4. **Abstracts** entered for submissions must be typed or copied and pasted into a text box on the submission website.

**NOTE: Your abstract should be in final form as it will be viewable in the program.**

5. **File Uploads:** all your graphics must be incorporated into one single file. **Do NOT include any author information on this document or it will be disqualified.** The file must be in Adobe PDF format.
6. **Individual requests regarding scheduling** may be made at the time of submission by entering them in the “details” step. Due to the complexities of the SRCD program scheduling process, only justified requests will be addressed, so please include the *reason for your scheduling request*. SRCD will attempt to accommodate needs in the scheduling process; however, there is no guarantee that all requests can be met.
7. **After the submission deadline, December 13, no revisions can be made.**

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### PLENARY SUBMISSION

These presentations will provide exemplars and models of research that cuts across paradigms and methodologies, while also catalyzing new research. The **conference organizers will construct topical plenary panels.**

#### Role Descriptions:

- **Presenting Author (required):** (1) presenting author is required, with up to (3) additional presenters permitted. These authors participate in the presentation of the plenary. *This role is protected against schedule conflicts.*
- **Non-presenting Author:** This role *is not* protected against schedule conflicts and *does not count* against the maximum number of 2 presenting toles.

#### Abstract:

- Prepare a 750-word abstract that describes how your program of research exemplifies the type of integrative science and practice described for this meeting and its most interesting findings.

#### What is Needed to Submit a Plenary Submission:

1. Enter a title for the submission with no more than 15 words. Use mixed-case letters and appropriate punctuation in your title
2. Select a review panel.
3. Select a sector you most wish to connect your research with.
4. Select a broad development outcome that is the focus of your research.
5. **Enter a full name, affiliation, and email address for each author.** Do not enter author names in all upper-case letters or all lower-case letters. This information establishes a unique identity for each person, ensuring that submitters receive a decision status notification for the submission. **Identify the presenter(s) of the plenary.** Please notify SRCD at [programoffice@srcd.org](mailto:programoffice@srcd.org) if an author has been entered with more than one email address so that duplicate accounts can be merged.
6. Enter an *abstract* with a maximum of 750 words. Abstracts must be typed or copied and pasted into the submission website.
  - a. **Single-space** the abstract.
  - b. **Do not** include the title in the abstract.
  - c. **Do not** include names or other identifying information in the abstract.

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- d. Use standard reference citations (last name, year) but do not include a reference list.
7. Graphics are encouraged but are optional; they do not count toward the maximum word count for the abstract. The two graphics allowed per paper may be:
  - 2 tables, *or*
  - 2 figures, *or*
  - 1 table plus 1 figure.

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8. You may be asked if you would be willing to serve as a moderator for one or more working roundtable sessions should your submission be accepted.

### JOIN A WORKING ROUNDTABLE

Submissions to this format should be interested in developing new research projects and ideas with others who share your interest in developmental processes or outcomes, but from different disciplinary and/or methodological lenses. **The conference organizers will construct roundtables based on commonalities among submissions.** Further, conference organizers might request that these presentations be exhibited as brief video clips, posters, discussion boards or other interactive and engaging modalities.

#### Role Descriptions

- **Presenting Author (required):** (1) presenting author is permitted and is the individual who participates in the discussion within a working roundtable constructed by conference organizers. *This role is protected against schedule conflicts.*
- **Non-presenting Author:** This role *is not* protected against schedule conflicts and *does not count* against the maximum number of 2 presenting toles.

#### Abstract

- Prepare a 500-word abstract that describes your interest in developing new research projects and ideas with others who share your interest in developmental processes or outcomes, but from different disciplinary and/or methodological lenses.

#### What is Needed to Submit to a Working Roundtable:

1. Enter a title for your submission with no more than 15 words. Use mixed-case letters and appropriate punctuation in your title.
2. Select a review panel.
3. Select a sector you most wish to connect your research with.
4. Select a broad development outcome that is the focus of your research.
5. **Enter a full name, affiliation, and email address for each author.** Do not enter author names in all upper-case letters or all lower-case letters. This information establishes a unique identity for each person, ensuring that submitters receive a decision status notification for the submission. **Identify the presenter of the submission.** Please notify SRCD at [programoffice@srcd.org](mailto:programoffice@srcd.org) if an author has been entered with more than one email address so that duplicate accounts can be merged.
6. Enter an *abstract* with a maximum of 500 words. Abstracts must be typed or copied and pasted into the submission website.
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- c. **Do not** include names or other identifying information in the abstract.
  - d. Use standard reference citations (last name, year) but do not include a reference list.
7. Graphics are encouraged but are optional; they do not count toward the maximum word count for the abstract. The two graphics allowed per paper may be:
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  - 1 table plus 1 figure.

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8. Provide a short (15 to 20 word) sentence/description of your submitted topic that will be used to help match and comprise working roundtables.
9. You may be asked if you would be willing to serve as a moderator for other constructed sessions should your submission be accepted.

### POLICY, PRACTITIONER, AND FUNDER SUBMISSION

What do policymakers, practitioners, and funders want and need from a more integrative developmental science? These “think tank” submissions will pose the most pressing issues for which more integrative developmental sciences could provide insight and describe how their sites are focused on or interested in a stronger connection between science and practice. **These submissions may be presented as individual talks or incorporated into a working roundtable to generate ideas for possible solutions.**

#### Role Descriptions:

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- **Non-presenting Author:** This role *is not* protected against schedule conflicts and *does not count* against the maximum number of 2 presenting toles.

#### Abstract:

- Prepare a 500-word abstract that describes a pressing problem of practice or policy that you would like to discuss in a scientific form or see shape the next generation of research in the developmental sciences.

#### What is Needed to Submit a Policy, Practitioner, and Funder Submission:

1. Enter a title for the submission with no more than 15 words. Use mixed-case letters and appropriate punctuation in your title
2. Select a review panel.
3. Select a sector you most wish to connect your research with.
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8. Policy, practitioner, and funder submitters may be asked if there is an interest in becoming a collaborative site for integrative research that may be developed at the conference.

### INDIVIDUAL POSTER PRESENTATION

Poster presentations will occur in conjunction with the Working Roundtables to maximize interactive discussions among attendees who share common interests but different disciplinary, methodological, or theoretical lenses.

Please keep in mind that:

- Each poster occupies one 8 ft (2.44 m) wide x 4 ft (1.22 m) high poster board. Push pins will be provided.

### Role Descriptions

- **Presenting Author:** This author is the person who presents the poster. *This is a presenting role and is protected against schedule conflicts.*
- **Non-presenting Authors:** This role *is not* protected against schedule conflicts and *does not count* against the maximum number of 2 presenting roles.

### Abstract

- Prepare a 500-word abstract that describes your interest in developing new research projects and ideas with others who share your interest in developmental processes or outcomes **but are not ready to be part of a working roundtable.**

### What is Needed to Submit an Individual Poster:

1. A title for your submission with no more than with no more than 15 words. Use mixed-case letters and appropriate punctuation in your title.
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5. **Enter a full name, affiliation, and email address for each author.** Do not enter author names in all upper-case letters or all lower-case letters. This information establishes a unique identity for each person, ensuring that submitters receive a decision status notification for the submission. **Identify the presenter of the submission.** Please notify SRCD at [programoffice@srcd.org](mailto:programoffice@srcd.org) if a speaker has been entered with more than one email address so that duplicate accounts can be merged.

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**NOTE: Do not include research funding support anywhere in your submission!** The appropriate place to acknowledge research funding support is in your presentation should the submission be accepted.

6. Enter an *abstract* with a maximum of 500 words. Your abstract must be typed or copied and pasted into the submission website; no file uploads are allowed. The abstract for an accepted poster will be viewable in the online program.
  - a. Single-space your abstract.
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