

Call for Submissions

The SRCD Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research, Practices, and Policies

May 15-17, 2024 | Panama City, Panamá

Submission Site: Submission site will open mid-October

Submission Deadline: **Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET**

Program Committee Co-Chairs:

Velma McBride Murry, Vanderbilt University

Emilie Smith, Michigan State University

Please contact programoffice@srcd.org with any questions regarding submissions. Check the Tourism Panama site for more details about travel requirements, <https://www.tourismpanama.com/>

ABOUT THIS SUMMIT

The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) proudly presents the "SRCD Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research, Practices, and Policies." This inaugural #SRCDSummit aims to bring together developmental scientists, policy makers, and practitioners to explore and identify effective ways to alter oppressive structures and systems that create and sustain discrimination and racism. Altering these structures and systems, characterized as Social Determinants of Health, will ultimately advance racial equity and a social justice agenda that centers marginalized children, youth, families, and their communities.

While efforts to address racism and discrimination are longstanding, a recent National Academy of Medicine report released a call to action for Dismantling Systemic Racism and Advancing Health Equity through Research¹. Developmental scientists are taking on the challenge of advancing research on anti-racism and equity.^{2 3} This #SRCDSummit marks the fourth year of a great revealer of racial inequities, the COVID-19 pandemic, as populations experiencing the greatest burden of pre-existing vulnerability were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic with devastating consequences, including hospitalizations and deaths. The pandemic did not occur in a vacuum; it landed in an inequitable socio-political environment⁴ propagated by structural racism.

¹ Beard, K., Iruka, I., Laraque-Arena, D., Murry, V., Rodriguez, L., Taylor, S. (2022). Dismantling Systemic Racism and Advancing Health Equity throughout Research. *National Academy of Medicine*.

² Iruka, I., Gardner-Neblett, N., Telfer, N., and Ibekwe-Okafor, N., (2022). Effects of Racism on Child Development: Advancing Antiracist Developmental Science. *Annual Review of Developmental Psychology*. 4(1).

³ Smith, E., Murry, V., Yzaguirre, M., Gonzalez, C., Kas-Osoka, C. (2023). Building the bridge to anti-racist, equitable, and inclusive practices: Translational developmental science for a diverse society. In Dawn P. Witherspoon and Gabriela L. Stein (Editors) *Diversity and developmental science: Bridging the gaps between research, practice, and policy*.

⁴ National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. (2023). Addressing the Long-Term Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Children and Families. *Washington, DC: The National Academies Press*. <https://doi.org/10.17226/26809>.

Kendi (2019) defines “Racism [as]...a marriage of racist policies and racist ideas that produces and normalizes racial inequities.” “An antiracist policy is any measure that produces or sustains racial **equity** between racial groups.... written and unwritten laws, rules, procedures, processes, regulations, and guidelines that govern people.”⁵ This critical #SRCDSummit focuses on how the translation of anti-racism, equity, and social justice can not only inform our research but also guide practice and policies. We seek to engage multifaceted audiences in the conceptualization and application of anti-racist principles to develop a roadmap for our field, with recommendations to guide an agenda to create a more equitable, just, and humane future for all children. The #SRCDSummit is interested in highlighting submissions that address ways to dismantle structures, systems, and upstream factors that perpetuate racial inequity and the translation of developmental science, with implications for calls to action for equity and social justice. This includes policy and practitioner driven sessions, as well as theoretical and methodological sessions. We also welcome work that focuses on resistance as well as resilience at multiple levels and contexts. Throughout the #SRCDSummit, attendees will have many opportunities to network and build connections with fellow researchers, policymakers, and practitioners equally committed to advancing anti-racist developmental science.

Join us at the #SRCDSummit, as we collectively work towards research that informs structural- and system-level change to reduce and eliminate upstream social determinants that perpetuate vulnerabilities through oppressive and discriminatory policies and practices. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and shape the future of developmental science to be *truly* anti-racist and inclusive. We are delighted to be hosting this very timely #SRCDSummit and invite you to be a part of this exciting meeting. Join us in Panamá by responding to the Call for Submissions!

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Submission Limits:** There is a limit of **2 presenting roles** for either members or nonmembers of SRCD.
2. **Presenting Roles, Defined:**
 - a. Chair of a symposium
 - b. Discussant of a symposium
 - c. Presenter of a paper
 - d. Presenter of a poster
 - e. Moderator of a conversation roundtable
 - f. Panelist in a conversation roundtable

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 paper or poster. Non-presenting author roles *are not protected* from schedule conflicts.
3. Do not submit the same material more than once (e.g., as a poster, a symposium presentation, or a paper in two symposia). 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, additional comparisons, etc. Even in cases where SRCD

⁵ Kendi, I. X. (2019) How To Be An Antiracist. New York, NY: *One World*.

members may not have had access to your original presentation, the current submission should not duplicate an earlier presentation.

4. During submission, you will be asked to select both a primary and secondary review panel.
5. **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, **Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET**.
 - View and/or print your submission proof and review it carefully.
 - **No changes can be made after the submission deadline, Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET.**
6. SRCD membership is not required for submission; 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 the eligibility for a variety of Society resources and initiatives. *For membership questions please contact the SRCD Membership department at membership@srcd.org.*

Questions regarding the submission process? Please contact the SRCD Program Office at programoffice@srcd.org.

SUBMISSION REVIEW PANELS

1. **Context: Cross-Cultural, Neighborhood, and Social**
(e.g., economic; immigrant/refugee; geographic; international; media/social media; natural disasters)
2. **Cultural Processes**
(e.g., acculturation, acculturative stress, cultural values, as well as religion, social class, and gender socialization)
3. **Schooling and Education**
(e.g., academic achievement; other educational outcomes; bilingual education; college and career pipelines; early childhood education; out of school time; school climate; special education; STEM education; education policy)
4. **Families, Parenting, and Relationships**
(e.g., friendships; marriage/divorce; peers; romantic relationships; extended family; family policy; LGBTQ families, parenting, and relationships)
5. **Identity**
(e.g., ethnic-racial, gender, national, and sexual; social position and intersectionality; identity development)
6. **Risk, Intervention, Prevention, and Action**
(e.g., resilience; resistance; preventive interventions to reduce microaggressions, implicit/explicit biases, or the effects of bias; upstream targeted preventive/intervention [structural/system/policy, including social determinants of health])
7. **Health and Wellbeing**
(e.g., physical, mental, behavioral, and sexual health; biological processes; implications of social determinants)
8. **Social Intergroup Processes**
(e.g., bias; discrimination; in/out group; peers; prejudice)

SUBMISSION FORMATS

Submission Formats: Submissions will be accepted in the following formats, and all will be peer-reviewed:

Individual Poster Presentation. Posters are individual, free-standing research presentations. They are the appropriate format when the 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. Each poster occupies one 8' wide x 4' high poster board for the entire session.

Paper Symposium. A cohesive cluster of research presentations and theoretical perspectives focused on a specific topic, emphasizing conceptual issues, and integrating findings with representation from multiple institutions. We are especially interested in symposia that include at least one presenter from an applied/non-academic setting who can comment on the translational applications of the research. In the traditional format, the chair briefly presents the theme of the symposium, presenters speak for 10 minutes each, and a discussant provides an overview. At least 30 minutes MUST be set aside for audience discussion. Requirements: 1 chair with an optional 2nd chair if there is no discussant, 3 presentations plus 1 discussant or 4 presentations.

Conversation Roundtable. This format is intended as a forum for a discussion of overarching questions/issues, not for a presentation of specific research findings. The roundtable is an engaging conversation among three or four scholars and the audience about ideas, methods, or professional- and research-related experiences. **A roundtable must have representation from multiple institutions.** A central question or theme should serve as a focus for the roundtable. The broader purpose of a roundtable is to encourage networking among individuals or groups who may benefit from shared experiences or from hearing different views on a topic. The audience must be given 30 minutes to respond to the questions/issues raised and to introduce additional questions and comments to the panel.

REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

1. Submissions are rated according to the following criteria:
 - a. Clarity of formulation/conceptualization
 - b. Adequacy of methods
 - c. Appropriateness of interpretations
 - d. Importance of topic
 - e. Clear translational connections to policy, practice, and/or social change
 - f. Clear relevance to anti-racism, discrimination, equity, and social justice
 - g. For multi-presenter formats: Cohesion among presentations, relevance of presentations to the topic, and expression of different views.
2. 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 integrative statement or the abstract unless required (i.e., conversation roundtable).
 - b. Submitting material more than once could result in a submission not being reviewed.

- c. The abstract lacks sufficient data—coded and analyzed, even if not yet complete—to provide a basis for reviewer evaluation. Evaluation of the methods will be sensitive to qualitative and case study approaches as well as quantitative approaches.
3. Reviewers may consider SRCD's [strategic plan](#) when evaluating submissions that are of equivalent scientific merit.
4. Symposia and Conversation Roundtables *must* have representation from multiple institutions.

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., Samantha T. Jones; H. Harrison 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 symposium.**
4. **Integrative statements, abstracts, and descriptions** entered for submissions must be typed or copied and pasted into a text box on the submission website.

NOTE: Your integrative statement and/or abstract should be in final form as it will be viewable in the online program.

5. **File Uploads:** All graphics must be incorporated into one single file. **The document should clearly identify the presentation it refers to and not contain any author information or it will be disqualified.** The file must be in Adobe PDF format. Upload this document at the end of the submission process.
6. **Group Authorship** (e.g., consortia, projects, programs) may be entered in the specified field during the “authors” step of the submitting process.
7. **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.
8. **After the submission deadline, Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET, no revisions can be made.**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

INDIVIDUAL POSTER PRESENTATION

What You Will Need to Submit an Individual Poster:

1. A title for your submission with no more than 15 words. Use mixed-case letters and appropriate punctuation in your title.
2. One primary review panel and an optional secondary review panel.
3. **Enter a full name, affiliation, and email address for each author of your poster.** 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 if an author has been entered with more than one email address so that duplicate accounts can be merged.
4. If you need to include a “group author” (consortium, program, etc.), enter it in the “Group Authors” field of the submitting process. **Do not enter individual authors in your submission in the Group Author field,** or they will not be seen in the program!

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.

5. Enter an *abstract* with a maximum of 600 words. Your abstract must be typed, copied, and pasted into the submission website; no file uploads are allowed. The abstract for an accepted poster will be viewable in the program.
 - a. **Single-space** your abstract.
 - b. **Do not** include the title in the abstract.
 - c. **Do not** include names or other identifying information in your abstract.
 - d. Use standard reference citations (last name, year), but do **not** include a reference list.
6. Graphics are encouraged but *are optional*; they do **not** count toward the maximum word count for your abstract. The two graphics allowed may be:
 - 2 tables, **or**
 - 2 figures, **or**
 - 1 table plus 1 figure.

File Uploads - All your graphics must be incorporated into one single file. **Do not include any author information in your graphic.** The file must be in Adobe PDF format. You will upload this document at the end of the submission process.

PAPER SYMPOSIUM

Please keep in mind that:

- **Paper Symposia must be organized and submitted as a group of presentations.** SRCD does *not* organize symposia. A chair is required; a discussant is optional.
- **Paper Symposia must have representation from multiple institutions.**

- Reviewers may consider SRCD's [strategic plan](#) when evaluating submissions that are of equivalent scientific merit.
- **Participants invited to a Paper Symposium** are not part of the official SRCD Invited Program and SRCD will not reimburse their expenses.

Role Descriptions:

- **Chair (required):** 2 chairs are permitted if there is no discussant. A chair enters all information into the submission website for the **Paper Symposium**. The chair(s) organizes and directs the symposium session, introduces the presenters, and ensures that time limits are strictly observed. The chair(s) should be prepared to lead, stimulate, and coordinate the 30-minute open discussion with the audience. This role is protected against schedule conflicts.
- **Discussant (optional if only 1 Chair):** The role of a discussant is to comment on the papers included in the symposium. This role is protected against schedule conflicts.
- **Presenting Author:** This author must be the person who presents the individual presentations within the symposium. This presenting role is protected against schedule conflicts.
- **Non-presenting Authors:** These roles *are not* protected against schedule conflicts.

Integrative Statement and Abstract:

- Prepare a 250-word **integrative statement** that summarizes the nature and significance of the proposed symposium topic. Integrative statements for **Paper Symposia** submissions accepted for presentation will be viewable in the online program.
- Prepare a 600-word **abstract** for each paper that describes the material to be presented (introduction, hypotheses, study population, methods, results). Abstracts will be viewable in the online program.

Number of Presentations Allowed:

- A Chair and at least 3 papers are required; 4 papers are maximum. A Discussant is optional and allowed only with 3 papers. There are 3 possible combinations:
 - ✓ 1 chair + 3 or 4 papers
 - ✓ 2 chairs + 3 or 4 papers
 - ✓ Chair + Discussant + 3 papers

What Is Needed to Submit a Paper Symposium:

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 primary and secondary review panel.
3. **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 chair(s), discussant (optional), and the presenter of each paper.** Please notify SRCD at programoffice@srcd.org if an author has been entered with more than one email address so that duplicate accounts can be merged.

4. In the case of “group authorship” (consortium, program, etc.), use the “Group Authors” field of the submitting process. **Do not enter individual authors in the submission in the Group Author field** or they will not be seen in the program!

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).

5. Enter an *integrative statement* with a maximum of 250 words. Your integrative statement must be typed, copied, and pasted into the submission website.
 - a. **Single-space** the integrative statement.
 - b. **Do not** include the title in the integrative statement.
 - c. **Do not** include names or other identifying information in the integrative statement.
6. Enter an *abstract* with a maximum of 600 words *for each presentation* in the symposium. 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.
 - 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.

File Uploads: A SINGLE document containing figures and/or tables for ALL of the presentations in the symposium will be uploaded. Create a document that clearly identifies which presentation it refers to. **Do NOT include any author information on this document, or it will be disqualified.** The file must be in Adobe PDF format. **You will upload this document at the end of the submission process.**

CONVERSATION ROUNDTABLE

Please keep in mind that:

- **A Conversation Roundtable must have representation from multiple institutions.**
- **Reviewers may consider SRCD's [strategic plan](#)** when evaluating submissions that are of equivalent scientific merit.
- **Participants invited to a Conversation Roundtable** are not part of the official SRCD Invited Program, and SRCD will not reimburse their expenses.
- **A Conversation Roundtable does not include PowerPoint slides – there will not be audio-visual equipment in the room.**

Role Descriptions

- **Moderator (required):** The moderator organizes the roundtable and enters all information into the submission website. A moderator directs the discussion with and among panelists during the

roundtable and makes sure that all participants have an equal opportunity to speak. Moderators are strongly encouraged to incorporate multiple disciplines, diversity, and international participation into their sessions. The moderator presents a list of significant questions to the panelists for comment and interactive discussion. These questions, which may address theoretical and/or methodological issues, should be compelling (e.g., cutting-edge, related to controversies in the field). *This is a presenting role and is protected against schedule conflicts.*

- **Panelists (required):** The 3 or 4 panelists should be prepared to address and debate the questions/topics presented by the moderator and adhere to the timeline provided by the moderator. *This is a presenting role and is protected against schedule conflicts.*

Integrative Statement and Description

- Prepare a 250-word **integrative statement** that summarizes the nature and significance of the proposed topic. Integrative statements for roundtables accepted for presentation will be available for viewing in the online program schedule.
- Prepare a 1,000-word **description** of the session, including the questions/topics to be discussed proposed *and the name of the panelist who will address each*. Descriptions are for review purposes only.

What Is Needed to Submit a Conversation 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 primary and secondary review panel.
3. **Enter a full name, affiliation, and email address for each presenter.** 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 if an author has been entered with more than one email address so that duplicate accounts can be merged.
4. In the case of “group authorship” (consortium, program, etc.), use the “Group Authors” field of the submitting process. **Do not enter individual authors in the submission in the Group Author field,** or they will not be seen in the program!

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

5. Enter an *integrative statement* with a maximum of 250 words. Integrative statements must be typed or copied and pasted into the submission website.
 - a. **Single-space** your integrative statement.
 - b. **Do not** include the title in the integrative statement.
 - c. **Include the name of the Moderator.**
6. Enter a *description* with a maximum of 1,000 words. Your description must be typed or copied and pasted into the submission website.
 - a. **Single-space** your description.

- b. **Do not** include the title in the description.
- c. ***Include names and roles of panelists in the description.***
- d. Include example questions that will be addressed to roundtable participants.
- e. Use standard reference citations (last name, year), but do not include a reference list.