

# Call for Symposium Proposals for the 22nd Annual Genes, Brain and Behavior Meeting

May 12-17th, 2020  
Woods Hole, MA, USA

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society (IBANGS) will be held in Woods Hole, MA, USA from May 12-17, 2020 at the **Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL)**.

The IBANGS meeting provides an excellent opportunity for those involved in neurobehavioral genetics and neurogenetics research to present their latest findings, to learn about new research developments, and to interact with others with similar interests. For more information about IBANGS and to see programs from previous meetings, please refer to <http://www.ibangs.org>.

The meeting will include a mix of keynote lectures, themed-symposia, selected short talks, and poster sessions. A diverse range of topics will cover all aspects of behavioral genetics across diverse model organisms and humans.

**Symposium theme proposals are due October 7, 2019.** Symposium topics can cover any area of behavioral genetics and neurogenetics. Successful themes will showcase a wide range of model organisms, investigative techniques, and/or translational studies in humans. **The Program Committee invites IBANGS members and non-members to submit proposals.** Non-member proposals should be sponsored by an IBANGS member. Please contact Program Chair, Camron Bryant [camron@bu.edu] for information.

Symposia theme proposals will be chosen based on several criteria including broad interest to IBANGS members and topics that have not been highlighted at our recent meetings. For previous symposia topics, please browse our [programs from previous meetings](#). Symposia emphasizing multi-disciplinary concepts or approaches that generalize to multiple species are most desirable.

Symposia are 2 hours in length and will include 2 invited talks from established investigators, and 4 selected talks from submitted abstracts. Proposal submissions should include a title and symposia theme abstract (500 words maximum) that describes the rationale and a list of at least 4 speakers that would make strong candidates for invited talks. It is helpful to contact at least two potential candidates, but it is not necessary. If you have spoken with any of them, please indicate their willingness to attend this year's meeting if the theme is selected.

The Program Committee will select symposia themes and work with the Symposia Theme Chair to select appropriate talks to fill the symposia, including invited talks and selected abstracts. For invited speakers, the registration fee (but not travel expenses) will be waived. Symposia Chairs are encouraged to recruit additional students and scientists to submit appropriate abstracts to the meeting that fit their proposed theme.

Invited speakers from accepted symposia will each be asked to register for the meeting and submit an abstract upon notification of symposia selection.

Please submit proposals electronically by completing the GBB 2020 [Symposia Proposal Form](#) on the IBANGS website.

For more information about the meeting, please visit the meeting webpage at [Genes, Brain and Behavior 2020](#).

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