

QUESTION AND CHAT LOG FROM FARE2016 WEBINAR

From the CHAT:

Citations will get you disqualified! From the Rules: Can I put references or figures in my abstract?

No. The presence of references or figures will disqualify the abstract from the competition.

Please Note: *NHLBI Fellows do not receive a \$1000 travel grant, as NHLBI policy is that fellows should attend all meetings that are necessary for their career development, and that meeting attendance should not depend upon winning a travel award

Our Picture the past two years has been the winners with Francis Collins

From the Questions:

Can you include any figure?

No figures are allowed, only text.

Is ~ a special character?

We recommend that you spell out approximately or about.

Are there restrictions on using abbreviations in the abstract?

No restrictions, as long as they are spelled out in the abstract if necessary

So an abstract submitted for publication, but not yet published, is allowed?

absolutely!

Can you put data in the abstract that was partially done outside the NIH (for PhD programs where students split their time between the NIH and another institute?)

For GPP students this would be appropriate

Graduate students are not eligible??

Yes

Are we supposed to italicize the genes for example or the latin words or does that count as special characters? Does it show up on the submission?

I am not sure about italics. I will look into that. NOTE—the system will only take ASCII characters without formatting, so probably no italics.

How many abstracts does each section consider?

depends on the section. The largest is 25, the smallest is 5

Can the work be something that is mostly at the conceptual stage? Or do there need to be tangible results at the time of abstract submission?

Sure, as long as the judges can discern where the project is going.

Who would be an ideal reader? Someone unfamiliar with our work and not necessarily acquainted with the field?

Correct, assume that the reader is well-versed in science but may not be in your field.

Since we can select 3 most related fields (sections), can we also know which section our abstract eventually get in?

90% of applicants get into their first study section selection

will we know if our first choice of study sections is full?

No sorry, this is not possible

I think I missed it, but what should we know as applicants who have won in the past?

That your application needs to be more than 50% different in the content and wording

Can you submit an abstract if you just started a project and don't have preliminary data?

Yes! you can submit this. Well written abstracts about project design are welcome

Are all abstracts in a section reviewed by all 5 judges and then ranked or are abstracts only viewed by a few of the judges?

all five judges.

what are those sections? do you have a list?

If you look here you can see winning abstracts sorted by sections. You can see the sections there:
<https://www.training.nih.gov/felcom/fare>

what does that mean that visiting fellows can't be tenured in their home institution?

some folks who are here as visiting fellows may be tenured at their home institution, and they are here on a "sabbatical"

Do we indicate in our application which meeting we would like to attend if selected for a FARE award?

No

where are the different study sections listed?

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Given the lead time needed to approve travel in 2016 (approximately 9 months), can permission be granted to use of the FARE award for conferences after September 30, 2016 (that were missed in 2016 due to travel approval requirements).

No, unfortunately the two processes (FARE and the submission of desired conference attendance) are not coupled.

Any other tips for writing, besides simplifying the text and having a more clear intro/bckg? :-)

get someone to read it before you submit it

I'm an FTE Research Fellow - am I eligible to apply?

Research Fellows (FTE) are eligible, as long as you have been here less than 5 years as of March 18, 2015

The \$1000 has to be used for a conference in the US?

typically yes, but this is up to your institute. Some FARE winners in the past have been able to use the funds for international conference, but it is never guaranteed.

can you submit more than one abstract

You can only submit ONE abstract

Is there a format template ?

You can see past winners here: <https://www.training.nih.gov/felcom/fare>

we have novel data that we do not want public until the manuscript is written

That is fine, just let us know and we will not publish your abstract

Do you apply using the same system that was used for NCI directors awards?

No

So FARE abstract there is no headliner such as Aim, Method, results etc

People sometimes use those headings, but they are not necessary