

OVERVIEW

On behalf of the **Undergraduate Medical Educators Section (UMEDS)** and the residency **Program Directors Section (PRODS)**, the **Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath)** invites AAPath and Section members, their faculty, staff, trainees, and other stakeholders to submit abstracts for poster presentations during the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts from July 19-22, 2026.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, December 1, 2025.

ABSTRACT CONTENT: Abstracts should describe innovations in the continuum of education, i.e., from undergraduate medical education (UME) to graduate medical education (GME), or educational leadership, pipeline or pathway activities/initiatives, and faculty/career development in an academic environment. Abstracts must clearly state the objective of the study, program, or intervention, describe the methods and resources utilized, and critically analyze relevant data. Metrics for “effectiveness,” “success,” and “impact” must be explained to help serve as a model for other institutions to adopt and implement. Examples of appropriate topics include, but are not limited to:

- analyzing and adapting to USMLE Step 1 using pass/fail scoring
- amplifying medical student engagement with the curriculum
- incorporating or integrating technology in teaching and learning
- utilizing innovative pedagogies and teaching modalities
- integrating pathology into the medical school curriculum, with particular emphasis on histology, gross anatomy, and neuroscience/neuroanatomy integration
- optimizing competency-based education and assessment
- determining progressive responsibility with trainees
- implementing faculty/career development as a pathology educator
- developing pipeline/pathway activities or initiatives for recruitment into pathology

Demonstrate educational leadership to the academic pathology community by sharing your innovative and impactful work at the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting!

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- **References:** What resources or other literature were used to formulate your hypothesis and study?

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All accepted abstracts will be presented as posters* during the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting and published in AAPath’s journal, *Academic Pathology* (with permission of the corresponding authors). Abstracts published previously elsewhere may be submitted with appropriate annotation of prior publication. There is no abstract submission fee. **However, poster presenters are required to fund their own travel to the meeting and meeting registration.** **More information on developing a poster will be communicated in the Spring of 2026 upon notification.*

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ABSTRACT CONTENT

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