



First Time Attendees Guide

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Submit an Abstract

We encourage to [submit your latest research](#) by **June 9, 5pm ET** for programming at the ASHG 2025 Annual Meeting. If accepted, your abstract will get [programmed](#) as a plenary, platform, poster, or lightning talk presentation.

Additionally, [The American Journal of Human Genetics \(AJHG\)](#) and [Human Genetics and Genomics Advances \(HGGA\)](#) have agreed to send for peer review all manuscripts submitted to the journal(s) by ASHG members who presented their manuscript's findings in a plenary or platform talk at ASHG 2025. Note that acceptance is not guaranteed.

Apply for an Award to Offset Your Travel Costs

Apply for these merit-based awards by submitting an abstract by the June deadline:

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- [ASHG Trainee Research Excellence Award](#) – Merit-based travel awards for predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees ranging from \$750 – \$2,000.
- [Resource-Limited Travel Awards](#) – help defray the costs of ASHG Annual Meeting participation for those who would not otherwise have the funds to attend and participants residing in areas categorized by the World Bank as having low-income or lower-middle-income economies.

Make Connections

If you're looking to grow your network and advance your career, in-person networking events are a great place to start. You can meet new people, learn about new opportunities, build relationships, and get inspired. The ASHG Annual Meeting has many kinds of opportunities to network: luncheons, SIG meetups, receptions, ancillary events, and exhibitor events are all great places to expand your network!

Learn more about [networking at ASHG 2025](#)

Plan Your Itinerary.

Unsure where to start? Preview the [Scientific Program and Schedule of Events](#)

Must See/Do!

- [Visit the Exhibit Hall](#)
 - Learn about the latest instruments, services, solutions, and publications and network with knowledgeable industry scientists.
 - [Review the full exhibitor list](#) of which companies are attending.
 - Interested in exhibiting? Learn more on our [Exhibit at ASHG 2025 pages](#).
- Attend [industry education events](#) throughout the day led by industry experts.
- Get a complimentary headshot taken in the Exhibit & Poster Hall.
- Network at an [ASHG reception](#).
 - Attend the Trainee Reception or Engagement and Belonging Reception. Tickets are required.
 - Join us at the Dessert Social. Space is limited.
- Attend an ancillary event or sponsored reception
 - Many groups will host small meetings, additional workshops or education events (not CME eligible), and evening receptions for networking or sponsored entertainment. Review the schedule (*coming this summer*) for the full line up.

Plan Your Stay

- Review ASHG negotiated rates and availability at [nearby hotels](#).
- [Learn more about Boston, MA](#).

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Earn Continuing Education Credits

Continuing education credits are offered for CME, NSGC, and P.A.C.E.®. A list of approved sessions and the number of credits available will be announced in September. You are required to register for the meeting and pay a separate fee to apply for CME and NSGC credits. P.A.C.E.® credits do not have a separate fee.

Visit the [Continuing Education Credits page](#) for more information.

Seeking Career Advice & Employment Opportunities?

Review what career resources ASHG 2025 has to offer (*coming soon*).

Download the Mobile App

The ASHG 2025 Mobile App is a powerful tool to enhance your annual meeting experience. Easily discover meeting events, sessions, industry partners, and much more!

Download the app in the Google Play and Apple app stores (*coming in September*).

Cost Savings

ASHG strives to make its Annual Meetings as affordable as possible, so various [registration rates](#) are offered to ease the financial burden. We recommend registering before the early deadline on August 6 at 5pm ET to take advantage of the lowest rates. [Becoming a member of ASHG](#) will save you even more! The regular member registration rate saves you up to \$400 – that's more than the cost of membership itself!

Other ways to reduce costs for attendance include:

- Booking your flight and making your hotel reservations early to take advantage of lower rates.
- Consider reaching out to colleagues attending so you can consider sharing a room.

Please review our [blog](#) post for additional ways to save.

Return on Investment Toolkit

Make a strong case for attending ASHG 2025 by explicitly connecting your institution's goals, as well as your work and professional development, to the educational opportunities offered by using ASHG's [return on investment toolkit](#).

Dress Code

We want you to be comfortable so you can enjoy your meeting experience. Business casual dress is strongly encouraged. We suggest bringing a light sweater or jacket with you during the day because meeting rooms are air-conditioned, and comfortable shoes since convention centers are large and may require a lot of walking.

Accessibility

ASHG is committed to providing access and an outstanding experience to all attendees and speakers. Please visit the [accessibility page](#) for information on designated spaces, childcare, scooter rental, and ADA accommodations.

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Childcare & Onsite Services

Visit the childcare & onsite services page (coming soon).

International Services

Joining ASHG from outside of the United States? Visit the [international services page](#) for useful information.