

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

OHBM Educational Courses, Symposia, and Roundtables

Q: Is there any reimbursement for speakers and organizers for programs?

A: The Council has approved the following guidelines related to reimbursement. Organizers should make these policies clear to prospective presenters:

- **Educational Course Speakers:** Presenters and organizers receive gratis Education Course registration and 50% off Annual Meeting registration. Travel and lodging reimbursement is not provided.
- **Symposium and Roundtable Speakers:** Presenters/organizers do not receive reimbursement.

Q: Should I submit a proposal for an Educational Course, Symposium or Roundtable?

A: The session types serve different goals:

- **Educational Courses** aim to provide comprehensive instruction on a topic, covering established methods, recent applications, and practical guidance for attendees' research. Courses must include audience engagement (e.g., interactive polls, gamification, social media activities, collaborative notes).
- **Symposia** aim to present the most recent advances in a topic of general scientific interest.
- **Roundtables** are best suited for non-scientific topics, such as initiatives emerging from Special Interest Groups (SIGs) or committees.

Q: What are the format differences between the different session types?

A:

- **Educational Courses:** Held on the first day (June 14, 2026). Half-day courses include up to 6 presenters (approx. 3½–4 hours); full-day courses include up to 10 presenters (approx. 7–8 hours).
- **Symposia and Roundtables:** 75-minute sessions during the main meeting (June 15–18, 2026), with a maximum of four presenters.

Q: Is a Full-Day Educational Course more desirable or prestigious than a Half-Day Course?

A: No. The length of the course does not determine its merit or impact. A well-designed, interactive Half-Day Course can be more effective than a poorly-organized Full-Day Course. Full-Day Courses are best for core methods and applications relevant to the broader OHBM community, but the key goal is always to deliver a well-run, engaging, and educational experience.

Q: Can I submit more than one proposal for an Educational Course or Symposium?

A: No. Individuals may submit **one scientific program (Symposium or Roundtable)** and **one Educational Course**, but the same content may not be presented in both. Multiple proposals from the same

individual will not be accepted. Educational Courses should be didactic, structured, and instructional, not mini-symposia or repeated material from elsewhere in the meeting.

Q: When will the proposal review take place?

A:

- **Educational Courses:** Reviewed by the OHBM Education Committee in December 2025; final decisions in January 2026.
- **Symposia, Roundtables, and Oral Sessions:** Reviewed by the Program Committee throughout January 2026; final decisions in early-February 2026.

Decisions are final and will be sent via email within two weeks of selection.

Questions?

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