

## Annual Meeting Session Types

Session Type	Description	How planned/organized	Length of session
<b>ARVO/Alcon Keynote Sessions</b>	Opening and closing general sessions. Awards are presented, the ARVO Foundation Board Chair provides an update, and keynote speakers give a presentation.	Sponsored by the ARVO Foundation through a grant from Alcon.	75 minutes
<b>Achievement Award Lectures</b>	The current-year ARVO Achievement Awardees give a presentation of their research.	Nominations for ARVO Achievement Awards are open to all members of the vision research community.	45 minutes
<b>Other Award Lectures</b>	Including the Beckman-Argyros Award in Vision Research and the Champalimaud Award Lecture. Award winners give a presentation of their research.	Nominations for these awards are open to those who have made a significant breakthrough in vision research.	60 minutes
<b>Basic/Clinical Lecture</b>	Basic scientists and clinicians rotate on the focus and topic each year. Clinicians will discuss issues that are relevant to the basic science community and vice-versa.	Proposed and selected by the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC).	120 minutes
<b>Cross-Sectional Group Sessions</b>	Focus on the opportunities and challenges in the field of the Group, with topics that are of interest to the entire ARVO membership.	Organized by ARVO's 3 Cross-Sectional Groups: Genetics, Low Vision, and Multidisciplinary Ophthalmic Imaging.	90 minutes
<b>Education Courses (Pre-conference, Saturday)</b>	These courses address educational needs that require in-depth review and discussion and include participant interaction with experts.	Proposals are submitted by ARVO members with at least three consecutive years of membership and are selected by the Professional Development and Education Committee (PDEC).	Full or half-day
<b>Minisymposia</b>	Cohesive programs that include an introduction with presentations that pull together the overall topic.	Proposed and selected by the AMPC.	105 minutes
<b>Paper Sessions</b>	Comprised of abstracts submitted by ARVO members and presented as 10-minute talks.	AMPC reviews submissions and organizes the abstracts into sessions by section or group.	105 minutes
<b>Poster Sessions</b>	Comprised of abstracts submitted by ARVO members and organized by topic and Section/Group.	AMPC reviews submissions and organizes the abstracts into sessions by section or group.	105 minutes
<b>Special Interest Groups (SIGs)</b>	Allow groups with common research interests to hold informal meetings intended to focus on a specific question or issue (exploring controversial issues, understanding a technique, new technological advances, etc.).	Proposed by ARVO members and reviewed/selected by the AMPC.	90 minutes
<b>Special Sessions</b>	Content that involves new initiatives or collaborations of global appeal, large scale study results, or relevant non-profit or government organizational town halls.	Proposed by ARVO members and reviewed/selected by the ARVO Executive Committee.	90 minutes
<b>Symposia</b>	Cohesive programs focused on cross-disciplinary topics that are of interest to the entire ARVO membership.	Proposed, voted on, and selected by the AMPC.	120 minutes
<b>Workshops</b>	Range in topic, but primarily focus on professional development.	Proposed by committee or affiliate groups. Reviewed by the PDEC.	90 minutes

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