



# Psychedelic Science in the Twenty-first Century

A Continuing Medical Education Conference

APRIL 15~18, 2010 • San Francisco Bay Area

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## Call For Proposals

This call for proposals details the application process to present at “Psychedelic Science in the Twenty-first Century”, a conference hosted by the **Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies** (MAPS). This document will provide an overview of what we are seeking in terms of proposals and what to expect from us after we receive your proposal.

### **1. Details about the conference, program, and speakers.**

Psychedelic Science’s primary objective is to create a forum for scientists, medical professionals, mental health workers, and other researchers to present the “state of the art” of psychedelic science. We are accepting proposals that will be well-received by both a scientific audience and an audience that is passionate about the future of psychedelics in society.

If you are chosen to present at Psychedelic Science you will join a list of speakers, which include leading researchers who are conducting clinical studies around the world. Most researchers will present in the continuing medical education (CME) track. Physicians or ancillary medical professionals who attend presentations in the CME programming can earn CME credits; the CME track is also open to the general public to attend. It is unlikely that you will present in the CME track unless you are a medical professional with current scientific research to present.

We are planning to have a continuing education (CE) track for psychologists and related fields. We will also have a few presentations from artists or other culturally intriguing presenters, but the bulk of the presentations will be based on psychedelic science and psychedelic psychotherapy.

The conference will take place from April 15 to 18, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Silicon Valley, in San Jose, in San Jose California. The conference will begin with a reception on Thursday evening, and have programming Friday through Sunday. We expect to have between 500 and 1000 attendees.

Presentations will be made in plenary sessions, panel sessions, roundtable sessions, poster presentations, and rising researchers sessions. If you are selected to present at *Psychedelic Science* our steering committee will have the ultimate decision as to session format in which you will present.

### **Session Types:**

**Plenary sessions** -- This will be a gathering of all the conference attendees (plenary sessions are reserved for a select few speakers chosen by the conference organizers).

**Panel Sessions** -- 2 to 4 speakers will be placed on a panel together. These sessions will last approximately 1 hour and there will be time for questions and answers from the audience.

**Roundtable sessions** – 4 or more speakers will present together in roundtable format. Presenters will have the opportunity to share their information followed by dialogue moderated by a knowledgeable person.

**Posters presentations** – an area of the conference may be designated for persons to display posters about research, hypotheses, etc.

**Rising researchers panels** – 4 to 6 “rising researchers,” (presenters who are relatively new to psychedelic research, often students) will present on a panel together. These sessions will last approximately 1 hour and there will be time for questions and answers from the audience.

**All confirmed speakers who apply to speak through this call for proposals must register for the conference and pay the rate that applies to them at the time of registration.** MAPS is waiving registration fees and paying some travel and lodging fees for speakers selected for the CME track. MAPS would love to be able to provide registration waivers and pay lodging for all of our presenters, however it simply is not economically feasible for MAPS to do so while keeping registration costs down. We will offer a limited number of discounted scholarship registrations on an as-needed basis for presenters and attendees who would otherwise not be able to attend the conference. You can request this scholarship rate on the registration page of the MAPS website. MAPS will not cover any hotel or travel costs for speakers with the exception of those were previously selected by the conference organizers.

## **2. Proposal Process**

We encourage you to submit a proposal if you:

- Have tested a hypothesis by collecting and analyzing data in a scientifically rigorous manner about psychedelic drugs, psychedelic experiences, or a related issue.
- Have (a) case report(s) about psychedelic drugs or psychedelic experiences, and the report(s) would add to the body of knowledge being presented at the conference.
- Are an expert on a therapeutic technique that is applicable to psychedelic psychotherapy.
- Are an expert on psychedelic crisis intervention techniques.
- Are an expert on how to help people who misuse psychedelic drugs.
- Are an expert in a unique area related to psychedelic drugs that is not represented by other speakers.

To submit a proposal fill out the form titled “Psychedelic Science Presentation Application” and email it to: [conference2010@maps.org](mailto:conference2010@maps.org)

or fax it to 831-429-6370

or mail it to:

**MAPS**

Attn: Psychedelic Science in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
309 Cedar Street #2323  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The proposal application form allows you to indicate whether you will use audio or visual technology.

**We request that you attach to your application your curriculum vitae or resume and a headshot. The photo needs to be at least 300 pixels per inch and a minimum of 1.5 inches wide and 2 inches tall.**

### **3. Proposal Review Process**

The conference organizers will review all presentation applications. You are welcome to submit as many proposals as you would like. The conference organizers will take into consideration your preference to speak either on a panel or in a roundtable discussion, but the final decision is up to the conference organizers. Unfortunately we may not be able to accept every application to present. The priority deadline for applications is November 30. If you have your application in by this deadline we will attempt to give you a decision within a few weeks, and will definitely give you a decision by January 31, 2010 as to whether your application is accepted. We will accept applications on a rolling basis after this deadline and review them as they come in, but there may be less space available.