



## ISTSS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Trauma professionals around the world are confronted by the devastating impacts of war, political instability, climate change, and displacement, as well as the daily toll of systemic injustice, interpersonal violence, workplace trauma, loss, and childhood adversity on individuals and communities. While we are a diverse group of professionals, we are united by our shared commitment to understanding and addressing traumatic stress.

ISTSS is the premier global home of trauma professionals and students, a community with shared values, goals, and aspirations. We represent an array of disciplines, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, counselors, epidemiologists, nurses, researchers, administrators, victim advocates, journalists, clergy and others with an interest in the study and treatment of traumatic stress. Our annual meeting is an opportunity to come together as a community, re-connect with longtime friends and build new relationships with colleagues from around the world. Our unity and our mission have never been more important.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> ISTSS Annual Meeting will be held 23-26 September 2026 in the exciting city of [San Antonio, Texas, USA](#), known for its famous Riverwalk (location of the meeting venue), diverse cuisine with Mexican, Spanish, European and African influences, and the historic Alamo.

Don't miss your chance to be part of our international exchange of research, clinical strategies, trauma informed service development and policy approaches with a common goal of improving outcomes for individuals and communities impacted by trauma.

### Call for Submissions

We encourage submissions that showcase the breadth of research and implementation work that is undertaken within our community. In line with our 2026 Annual Meeting theme *Traumatic Stress in a Troubled World – Collaboration on Evidence and Action* we welcome submissions on topics related to - but not limited to:

- Collaboration to promote the understanding and treatment of trauma-related disorders around the world
- Collaboration through co-design of research and implementation activities
- Innovative, interdisciplinary methodological approaches to traumatic stress research and practice
- Scalable solutions that enable us to reach more people affected by trauma
- The study of trauma across the lifespan and in a public health context
- Impacts of, and interventions for, continuous traumatic stress
- Building capability in local and global communities

### Learning Objectives

1. Describe how global, interdisciplinary, and lived experience collaboration can advance understanding and treatment of traumatic stress
2. Identify the role that trauma professionals can play in improving outcomes for people and communities affected by trauma through capability building and scalable interventions

3. Discuss the diversity of trauma experiences and potential health impacts across the lifespan

Cancellation and Change Policy: Notification of cancellation must be submitted in writing by email to [info@istss.org](mailto:info@istss.org). Cancellations received on or before Friday, August 14, 2026, will be refunded less a \$100 cancellation charge, no refunds will be issued after Friday, August 14, 2026. Registrant substitutions are allowed at any time but must be submitted in writing to [info@istss.org](mailto:info@istss.org) and must be of the same membership type.