The AAPS/PSRC Joint Annual Meeting will provide the ultimate forum for work in Plastic Surgery. Papers from the following categories of Plastic Surgery will be considered with emphasis on cutting edge breakthroughs in the field. Please note that depending on the topic you choose will determine whether you are considered for presentation during an AAPS session or a PSRC session:

- Aesthetic (AAPS)
- Breast (AAPS)
- Clinical Outcomes Research (PSRC)
- Composite Tissue Allotransplantation (PSRC)
- Craniofacial/Bones (PSRC)
- Craniofacial/Pediatrics (AAPS)
- Developmental Biology (PSRC)
- Fat Grafting (PSRC)
- Head & Neck (AAPS)
- Ischemia/Reperfusion (PSRC)
- Microsurgery/Flap Physiology (PSRC)
- Nerve (PSRC)
- Other (AAPS)
- Other (PSRC)
- Research & Education (AAPS)
- Tissue Engineering (PSRC)
- Trunk & Extremity (AAPS)
- Tumor Immunology/Cancer Biology (PSRC)

The Program Committee is looking to create a broad and balanced program, but most of all we urge you to save your best and most thoughtful work for this prestigious meeting. Equal consideration will be given to aesthetic and reconstructive surgery papers.

Please carefully note the abstract deadline of Monday, November 2, 2015 at 11:59 pm EST.

All submissions either solely for AAPS or for consideration to either program (in case selected by the AAPS) must be authored, co-authored, or sponsored by a Fellow of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.
Previously Presented Work

To insure the excellence of our scientific program, papers submitted for presentation at a meeting of the AAPS cannot have been presented at any other national meeting as an oral or poster presentation or published in any journals. Exceptions to this policy are the Plastic Surgery Research Council and at local/regional meetings.

If an abstract has been presented at another meeting, the work is eligible for submission to the PSRC Annual Meeting but acceptance will be at the Program Committee’s discretion. Work that has been published is not accepted.

All authors will be prompted to disclose if their work has been previously presented and/or published. Please be sure to complete the detailed portion of this section within the submission-site, specifying the name of the conference/publication and where it was presented and/or published.

AAPS Presentation Format and Award Eligibility

**Full Oral Presentation:** Delivered in full Scientific Session, PowerPoint slides support. The Presenter is allowed 8 minutes for presentation with 7 minutes of Questions and Answers to follow.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Residents are allowed to present full length oral presentations only if the senior author is present during the session.

**Short Oral Presentation:** Delivered in the new Innovations and Libations scientific session. The goal of this new format is to provide a forum for sharing novel ideas, techniques, case presentations, and research findings related to Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. The Author is allotted 3 minutes for this “Straight to the Point” presentation format. There will be very strict time limits and “No Questions” at the podium. All authors in this session ascend and depart the stage in rapid succession with additional discussion and questions taking place off the podium at the back of the room while enjoying the “libations” with the rest of the audience.

**Resident Poster Competition:** For abstracts to be considered as a part of the Resident Poster Competition, the author must meet all of the following criteria:

1. The Presenting Author is a Resident as of the abstract submission deadline
2. They are the first author on the paper
3. The Presenting Author will attend the Annual Meeting should the paper be accepted.

Any abstracts accepted as a participant in the Resident Poster Competition will be eligible for cash prizes.
Abstracts not selected for the Resident Poster Competition Presentation are still eligible for inclusion within the general scientific program. Only one abstract submission is necessary and multiple submissions may result in the abstract being disqualified from consideration.

**Poster Display Only:** Selected posters will be on display throughout the annual meeting. No presentation is required. This poster should be self-explanatory.

Please note the final presentation format will be determined by the AAPS Program Committee.

**PSRC Presentation Format and Award Eligibility**

**Full Oral Presentation:** Delivered in full Scientific Session, PowerPoint slides support. The Presenter is allowed 8 minutes for presentation with 7 minutes of Questions and Answers to follow.

**Poster Presentation:** Selected posters will be on display throughout the annual meeting. This poster should be self-explanatory. All PSRC posters selected for presentation are eligible for the Hardesty Award, authors will be required to stand by the poster and give a brief description of their work to the judges during the Welcome Reception and Poster Competition.

Please note the final presentation format will be determined by the PSRC Program Committee.

PSRC’s Annual Meeting features awards for five different presenting author categories. Please review the award listing below to determine which award you are eligible for, if at all, and select the one (1) award you are eligible for during the submission process.

**PSRC Award Eligibility**

**Award Categories:**

**John F. Crikelair - Research Award**
*Presented to the high school or college student presenting the best paper at the Annual Meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council*

**Clifford C. Snyder, MD - Past Chairman Award**
*Presented to the plastic surgery resident or fellow presenting the best paper at the Annual Meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council*

**Peter J. Gingrass, MD - Memorial Award**
*Presented to the medical student or non-plastic surgical resident presenting the best paper at the Annual Meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council*
The Shenaq International Research Award  
*Presented to the best oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council by a graduate of a foreign medical school (outside the US or Canada) who is currently performing plastic surgery research.*

The Clinical Research Award  
*Best paper presented by a plastic surgery resident or fellow at the Annual Meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council.*

The Hardesty Award  
*Presented to the best poster presenter at the Annual Meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council.*

PRS Abstract Publication  
The AAPS/PSRC abstracts will be published electronically in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Global Open (PRS GO). Full text abstracts for all accepted papers – Oral (Full Length and Innovations and Libations) as well as Posters.

*PLEASE NOTE: Only the text of the abstract will be published in PRS GO. Graphic and Tables submitted with the abstract will not be included but will be part of the online program and in the onsite meeting app.*

*Due to the publication schedule, we will not be able to accept late abstract submissions, so everyone is urged to submit their work as early as possible.*