

2019 ILCA Conference Call for Abstracts

The International Lactation Consultant Association® (ILCA®) is seeking abstracts for the 2019 ILCA Conference. Submissions are open for Concurrent Sessions, Workshops, Clinical Skills Rotations, and Poster Presentations.

Concurrent and workshop sessions should fit into one of the following submission categories (based on the *International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners' [IBLCE] International Board Certified Lactation Consultants [IBCLC] Detailed Content Outline*):

- Development and Nutrition
- Physiology and Endocrinology
- Pathology
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology
- Techniques
- Clinical Skills
- Public Health, Community Support, and Advocacy
- Professional Development and Education
- Research
- Diversity and Equity
- Ethics

We are particularly interested in abstracts that present ethics, new research, and the evidence-base for lactation-related clinical practice, clinical guidelines, policies, initiatives, and programs related to any of the submission categories. In addition, we are looking for abstracts that are intentionally designed to meet the needs of learners with a wide variety of social backgrounds and work settings around the world. For example, we are seeking abstracts that:

- Are based on research from multiple countries and social groups, whenever available
- Highlight globally relevant knowledge, skills, and practices; such presentations may still include illustrative research, programs, and experience that are grounded in one or more particular communities

- Use language that is inclusive of diversity in the experience of lactation (e.g., direct breastfeeding/chestfeeding, exclusive pumping/hand expression, at-breast/chest supplementation, finger feeding, use of donor milk)
- Use language, content, and images that are inclusive of people of varied nationality, ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, ability, marital status, etc.
- Acknowledge the ways in which the presentation is centered on the speaker's own nationality and social group membership and/or a particular nationality and social group membership
- Are submitted by individuals from social groups disproportionately excluded from the field of lactation and the role of lactation conference speaker
- Address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion even when the topic of the presentation is not about diversity, equity, and inclusion

We also are particularly interested in abstracts that relate to social-ecological context of lactation including providing tools and strategies to:

- Increase equitable access to lactation support via policy change, program development, training of leadership and service providers, mentorship, collaboration and partnership, advocacy, socially just approaches to funding, and cultural change
- Remove cultural, institutional, and commercial barriers to the initiation and continuation of breastfeeding/chestfeeding
- Increase recognition of and action on breastfeeding/chestfeeding as a public health issue
- Protect, promote, and support lactation in challenging contexts, including but not limited to Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E), immigration, single parenting, parent-child health issues, systems of oppression (e.g., racism, ableism, heterosexism, cisgenderism), and receiving and providing lactation support across cultural and language barriers
- Create system change via the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative and its adaptations, the WHO International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes, World Breastfeeding Week, and legislation, policies, and initiatives that protect, promote, and support lactation at the local, national, regional, and/or international level
- Achieve the [United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals](#)

We also seek abstracts for 1- to 2-hour-long sessions that can be part of a 4-hour Research Workshop focused on conducting, funding, and publishing lactation research. Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Types of studies and their appropriate uses in the field of lactation (e.g., qualitative, observational, randomized controlled, longitudinal, prospective, retrospective, focus groups)
- Sampling strategies (e.g., type, size, recruiting)



- Data analysis
- Avoiding bias (e.g., cultural, commercial) and conflicts of interest in the funding, design, conduct, analysis, interpretation, and application of research
- Writing effective grant proposals for lactation research
- Seeking Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for lactation research
- Developing and validating lactation assessment tools
- Preparing lactation research for publication