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Conference 2026

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## About Gatlinburg

The Gatlinburg Conference on Research and Theory in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is one of the premier conferences for behavioral scientists conducting research on intellectual and developmental disabilities. It has a rich history that started in Gatlinburg, Tennessee in 1967, and the name of its original location remained. Each year, Gatlinburg Conference brings together scientists from around the world to gather to discuss research and collaborations in the field.

## Gatlinburg's Goals

- Promote the exchange of scientific findings, theoretical perspectives, and methodological innovations and thereby accelerate, and encourage innovation in translational research on IDD.
- Facilitate collaborative interdisciplinary research on IDD.
- Ensure that biobehavioral scientists are exposed to relevant translational and basic science findings, methods, and perspectives from neurobiology and medicine, thereby enriching their research and further supporting interdisciplinarity.
- Serve as an interdisciplinary training and career development resource for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early career faculty.

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The Gatlinburg Conference on Research in IDD is an annual scientific meeting designed to advance translational biobehavioral research on intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This year's conference theme is, "Artificial Intelligence in IDD Research."

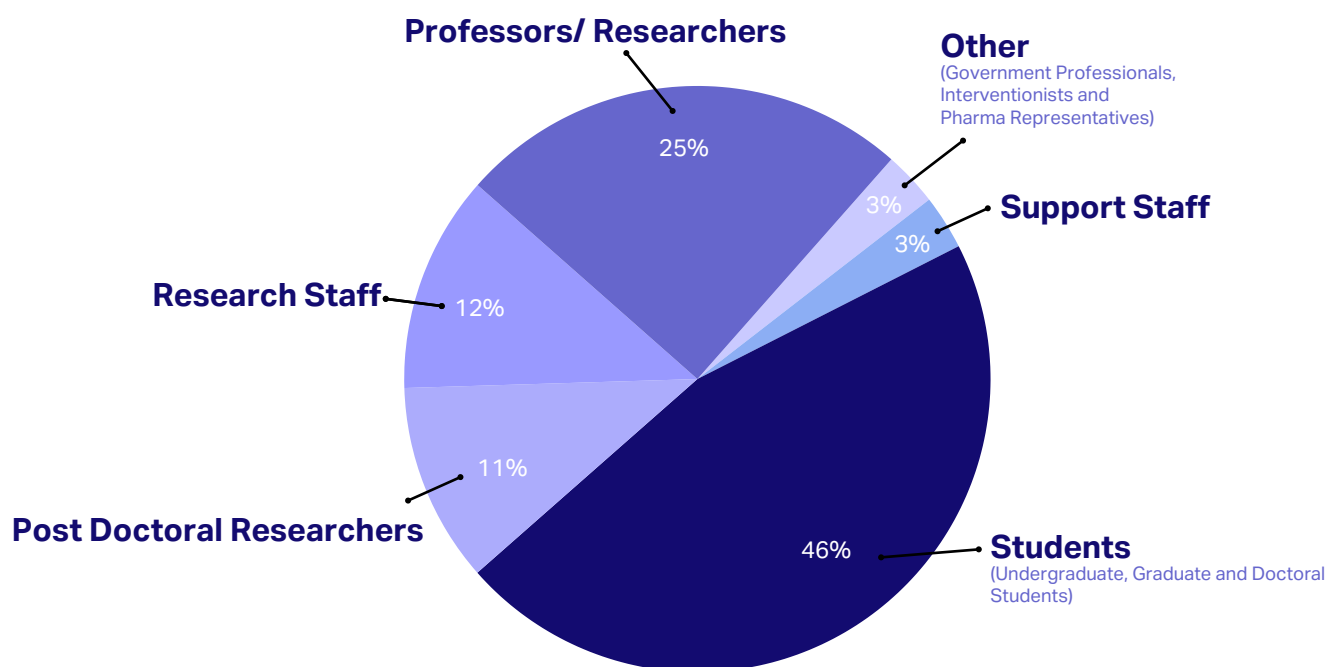
The meeting provides a forum for investigators at all career stages to present and discuss cutting-edge biobehavioral research and theory. The conference focuses on advancing research related to intellectual and developmental disabilities, including the underlying mechanisms, developmental pathways, and real-world outcomes, while sharing evidence-based practices and innovative interventions that improve meaningful life outcomes. More recently the aims have been modified to include goals to increase the diversity of the IDD research community by supporting the development of early career scientists from underrepresented groups. These successful aims are largely unchanged from the previously funded application; however, the current proposal includes several innovations related to communication of science to nonscientific audiences, and an emphasis on rigor and reproducibility in research, both of which dovetail well with the conference's longstanding emphasis on development of junior scientists.

## Partnering with Gatlinburg gives you

- Ability to increase brand awareness with a large scientific community.
- An opportunity to showcase new products and services.
- Learn about the direction of upcoming research.
- Ability to network with researchers across the nation and the world.

## Our Attendees and Audience

Each year we connect members of the scientific community from across the nation and internationally and across all professional levels.



## Gatlinburg Conference Digital Reach:

We reach over **1500** people through our newsletter each month and have a growing following on social media with over 400 followers across BlueSky, LinkedIn, and Facebook.

## Conference Schedule (subject to change)

### Tuesday, October 6

Noon - 5:00 PM	Preconference Workshops
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Welcome Reception

### Wednesday, October 7

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Symposia, General Sessions & Plenary Talks
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Poster Reception

### Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Symposia, General Sessions & Plenary Talks
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Poster Reception

### Friday, October 9

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Symposia, General Sessions & Plenary Talks
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# 2026 Sponsorship Levels

Benefits	Diamond \$10000	Platinum \$8000	Gold \$6000	Silver \$4000	Bronze \$3000	Supporter \$2000
<b>Visibility</b>						
Website and Signs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Complimentary Registrations	5	4	3	2	1	
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Sponsor a named Preconference, Breakout, or Poster Session	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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## Opportunity Selection

Diamond – \$10,000

Silver – \$4,000

Platinum – \$8,000

Bronze – \$3,000

Gold – \$6,000

Supporter – \$2,000

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