

Annual Meeting Session Types

Session Type	Description	How planned/organized	Length of session
Achievement Award Lectures	The current-year ARVO Achievement Awardees give a presentation of their research.	Nominations for ARVO Achievement Awards are open to all members of the vision research community.	45 minutes
ARVO+Genentech Keynote Session	Opening general session. Awards are presented, the ARVO Foundation Board Chair provides an update, and keynote speaker gives a presentation.	Sponsored by the ARVO Foundation through a grant from Genentech.	75 minutes
Cross-Sectional Group Sessions	Focus on the opportunities and challenges in the field of the Group, with topics that are of interest to the entire ARVO membership.	Organized by ARVO's 3 Cross-Sectional Groups: Genetics, Low Vision, and Multidisciplinary Ophthalmic Imaging.	90 minutes
Education Courses (Pre-conference, Saturday)	These courses address educational needs that require in-depth review and discussion and include participant interaction with experts.	Proposals are submitted by ARVO members and are selected by the Professional Development and Education Committee (PDEC).	Full or half-day
Minisymposia	Cohesive programs that include an introduction with presentations that pull together the overall topic.	Proposed and selected by the AMPC.	105 minutes
Other Award Lectures	Including the Champalimaud Award Lecture. Award winners give a presentation of their research.	Nominations for these awards are open to those who have made a significant breakthrough in vision research.	60 minutes
Paper Sessions	Comprised of abstracts submitted by ARVO members and presented as 10-minute talks.	AMPC reviews submissions and organizes the abstracts into sessions by section or group.	105 minutes
Poster Sessions	Comprised of abstracts submitted by ARVO members and organized by topic and Section/Group.	AMPC reviews submissions and organizes the abstracts into sessions by section or group.	105 minutes
Special Sessions	Content that involves new initiatives or collaborations of global appeal, large scale study results, or relevant non-profit or government organizational town halls.	Proposed by ARVO members and reviewed/selected by the ARVO Executive Committee.	90 minutes
Symposia	Cohesive programs focused on cross-disciplinary topics that are of interest to the entire ARVO membership.	Proposed, voted on, and selected by the AMPC.	120 minutes

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