

## Annual Meeting Session Types

Session Type	Description	How planned/organized	Length of session
<b>ARVO/Alcon Keynote Sessions</b>	Opening and closing general sessions. Awards are presented, the ARVO Foundation Board Chair provides an update, and keynote speakers give a presentation.	Sponsored by the ARVO Foundation through a grant from Alcon.	75 minutes
<b>Achievement Award Lectures</b>	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
<b>Other Award Lectures</b>	Including the Beckman-Argyros Award in Vision Research and 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
<b>Basic/Clinical Lecture</b>	Basic scientists and clinicians rotate on the focus and topic each year. Clinicians will discuss issues that are relevant to the basic science community and vice-versa.	Proposed and selected by the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC).	120 minutes
<b>Cross-Sectional Group Sessions</b>	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
<b>Education Courses (Pre-conference, Saturday)</b>	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
<b>Minisymposia</b>	Cohesive programs that include an introduction with presentations that pull together the overall topic.	Proposed and selected by the AMPC.	105 minutes
<b>Paper Sessions</b>	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
<b>Poster Sessions</b>	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
<b>Special Interest Groups (SIGs)</b>	Allow groups with common research interests to hold informal meetings intended to focus on a specific question or issue (exploring controversial issues, understanding a technique, new technological advances, etc.).	Proposed by ARVO members and reviewed/selected by the AMPC.	90 minutes
<b>Special Sessions</b>	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
<b>Symposia</b>	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
<b>Workshops</b>	Range in topic, but primarily focus on professional development.	Proposed by committee or affiliate groups. Reviewed by the PDEC.	90 minutes

*Current as of 3/2018*