



American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT)

Faculty recruitment, regulatory burdens, inequity, and upcoming residency training changes are just some of the challenges we, the members of the AADPRT community, face! At times, the challenges feel insurmountable, but then we come to our Annual Meeting and realize that we are not alone – we are a part of a large community of supportive and experienced colleagues and we have access to their vast expertise.

We invite the readers of *Academic Psychiatry* to join us at AADPRT's 2024 annual meeting. Our meeting theme is, "Our time is now: ΔΨRT (Changing Psychiatry Residency Training)." We have a lineup of plenaries designed to inspire, energize, and motivate us to start conversations on what we as psychiatric educators can do to address the challenges our field faces. Our Annual Meeting is a place where thoughtful speakers and presenters touch our emotional chords, causing us to pause, reflect, and catalyze our personal and professional growth. Come to Austin, TX and take part in stimulating discussions, integrate joy and spontaneity in the learning process, and think outside the box as we continue to make psychiatry training more and more relevant for future generations of trainees and patients.

AADPRT has made diversity, equity, and inclusion a priority and we have launched a number of initiatives to make the Annual Meeting even more inclusive and welcoming to all. Some of these initiatives include:

- opening abstract submissions for Career-Stage Forums (formerly known as Generational Workshops) to all members
- helping AADPRT members submit successful abstracts by holding a virtual workshop on the topic
- hosting a reception for new attendees at the Annual Meeting
- encouraging seasoned AADPRT members to welcome newer members.

I look forward to seeing old friends, making new ones, and to welcoming you all to The Live Music Capital of the World® Austin, TX!

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