



ROBERT M. KERR
**FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS CENTER**
Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2026 FAPC Research Symposium March 24, 2026

Dear Graduate and Undergraduate Students,

I am pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the 2026 FAPC Research Symposium, scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center (FAPC), Oklahoma State University.

This annual symposium brings together researchers, industry partners and collaborators to highlight student research and innovation in food and agricultural systems through oral and poster presentations, featured speakers and networking opportunities. A six-member industry panel will be available for discussion and Q&A.

We invite submissions from student researchers whose work addresses topics related to food, value-added agricultural products and related systems. Presentation opportunities are available for both oral and poster formats.

Submission Details

- Abstract submission window: January 23 – February 13, 2026
- Abstract and completed **application form** due via email to: fapc@okstate.edu by 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2026
- Successful candidates will be notified by email by February 20, 2026.
- Oral presenters must also submit their PowerPoint slides by 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2026 to fapc@okstate.edu.

Abstract Guidelines

- 300 words
- No tables, figures or references
- Written in complete sentences
- Use clear, professional language
- Follow example provided (see attached)

Abstracts should clearly address the following elements:

- **Purpose/Objective** - Briefly state the research question, problem or objective.
- **Method/Approach** - Summarize methodology, experimental design or analytic approach.
- **Key Findings/Results** - Highlight major findings or expected outcomes
- **Relevance/Impact** - Explain the significance of the work to food systems, value-added products, industry application or future research.

Judging Criteria

Abstracts will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Relevance
- Clarity
- Contribution to food and value-added agricultural research
- Potential industry application

Both oral and poster presentations will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Abstract On Time/Correct
- Justification of Work
- Methods
- Results/Data
- Conclusions
- Knowledge of Topic
- Visuals/Presentation Aptitude
- Public Speaking Ability

When will I know if I've been accepted to present?

Accepted presenters will be notified via email by Friday, February 20, 2026. Once accepted, **all participants must register** for the symposium.

Awards

Note: Only one presentation per presenter will be eligible for an award.

- First Place: \$500
 - Undergraduate Poster
 - Graduate Poster
 - Graduate Oral Presentation
- Second Place: \$250
 - Undergraduate Poster
 - Graduate Poster

- Graduate Oral Presentation
- Third Place: \$125
 - Undergraduate Poster
 - Graduate Poster
 - Graduate Oral Presentation

For complete event details and updates, please visit:

https://ag-events.okstate.edu/event/research-symposium-1139?utm_campaign=widget&utm_medium=widget&utm_source=Oklahoma+State+University+-+Agriculture

We look forward to your submissions and to an exciting program of research presentations.

Best regards,

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