

SPRING CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

15 April 2026 at the
MSU Clark Student Center and Ferguson Hall

Graduate Student Abstract Submission Guidelines

Timeline for submission of abstracts:

1. Abstracts must be submitted by 30 March 2026.
2. Graduate students should submit abstracts through the electronic [2026 CoS/UGRCA Forum-Abstract Submission – Fill out form](#)

Abstracts should meet these requirements:

1. Length: 250 words maximum
2. Content:
 - Purpose of the study/creative work.
 - Methodology or approach of the study/creative activity.
 - IRB Approval Number (if applicable).
 - Preliminary or final results/findings/creation.
 - Conclusions (preliminary or final).

Types of Presentations

In-Person

- Poster Presentation: 5–8-minute oral presentation overview of your displayed poster. Your physical attendance is required at the poster for 1 hour.
- Creative Activity: 15-minute oral presentation with an additional 5 minutes for Q&A.
- Paper Presentation/Oral Presentation (Podium): 15-minute oral presentation with an additional 5 minutes for Q&A. A general rule of thumb is that one double-spaced page takes 2–2.5 minutes to read out loud. Thus an 8–10-page, double-spaced paper is often a good fit for a 15–20-minute presentation.
- Three-Minute Thesis™ Competition: full details in the [Three Minute Thesis \(3MT\)](#) page. Contact Jose Avitia at jose.avitia@msutexas.edu for questions about the 3MT competition

Virtual

This conference has a virtual presentation option for distance students, which will be conducted via Zoom.

- Virtual Paper Presentation/Oral Presentation (Podium): 15-minute oral presentation and an additional 5 minutes for Q&A. A general rule of thumb is that one double-spaced page takes 2–2.5 minutes to read out loud. Thus an 8–10-page, double-spaced paper is often a good fit for a 15–20-minute presentation.
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Once all abstracts have been submitted to the Microsoft Form that is due 30 March, the Graduate School will send each presenter/presenter group more specific information about their type of presentation and how to create the necessary materials for the forum.

Questions? Contact the Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School at graduateschool@msutexas.edu or (940) 397-4526.