

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:graduateschool@msutexas.edu) or (940) 397-4526.