

Dear Members of the Georgia Academy of Science,

This is the FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS for the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science. The meeting will be held at Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, GA, on March 27–28, 2026.

Please forward this Call for Papers to individuals who are not members of the Academy but are supervising students conducting undergraduate and graduate research and might be interested in this opportunity.

The abstract submission form (a MS Excel file) is attached to this email. It includes abstract submission guidelines. Please follow the directions provided in the Excel abstract submission form. This file includes, as separate tabs in the spreadsheet, the presenter information form, an abstract form guide that contains instructions and an example of a completed form, and the abstract form to complete. Please follow the directions and proofread the completed tabs in the spreadsheet before submitting. Please do not alter the submission forms as they are formatted to allow ease of import into our Georgia Journal of Science files. For research that will not be completed by the abstract submission deadline, abstracts of research in progress are acceptable.

The ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE is **Monday, December 8, 2025**. Presenters should send the completed Abstract Submission form, including the presenter information, as an email attachment to the appropriate Section Chair. Section Chair contact information is available at www.georgiaacademyofscience.org. Section Chairs will acknowledge receipt of abstract submissions via email to the sender(s) of submitted abstracts. Late abstracts are accepted at the discretion of the section chairs.

Abstracts received by December 8, 2025 will be submitted to referees for review. Referees will make minor corrections if necessary. If major changes are suggested, referees will notify Section Chairs who will pass those recommendations on to submitters for action. Section Chairs will notify authors of acceptance by January 12, 2025.

All presenters must be members of the Academy. It is STRONGLY encouraged that Faculty sponsors also become members of GAS. Membership information is available on the Academy site: www.georgiaacademyofscience.org

The application for the Student Travel Award is also attached. Please share with your students.

Registration fees: TBD

Registration for the meeting will be available soon via a link on the Academy meeting page: www.georgiaacademyofscience.org

Continue to watch your email and consult the Academy meeting page for updates.

Individuals interested in refereeing submitted abstracts should contact their Section Chair by email and include their area of expertise. Those interested in serving as referees should familiarize themselves with the abstract criteria and the submission form (attached to this email).

Faculty are encouraged to present at the meeting, but priority will be given to students if time slots are limited. Presentations can eventually be converted to manuscripts that can be submitted to the Georgia Journal of Science for publication consideration. This is a great opportunity to establish or enhance a publication record for both students and faculty.

Thank you all. We're looking forward to a great 2026 meeting.

Sincerely,

Al Mead