

Dear Members of the Georgia Academy of Science,

This is the **SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS** for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science. The meeting will be held at **Young Harris College** in **Young Harris GA, March 7 – 8, 2025**.

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.

The **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE** is **Monday, December 9th, 2024**. 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 by contacting by email the **sender(s)** of submitted abstracts. Late abstracts are accepted at the discretion of the section chairs.

Student travel Awards are due at the same time (December 9th, 2025) to Section Chairs. The travel award application form, including further guidelines, can be found here: <https://www.georgiaacademyofscience.org/annual-meeting>. If you are wondering if you can submit a late travel award, please contact the Travel Award Committee chair, Dr. Jason Lang (Jason.Lang@ung.edu).

Abstracts received by **December 9th, 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 10th, 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

For research that will not be completed by the abstract submission deadline, abstracts of research in progress is acceptable.

Registration fees: This is not technically official, but for planning purposes, the Local Arrangements people think that they will be able to maintain the current (from last year) registration fees, which are:

	Early Registration	Late Registration
Faculty (Members)	\$145	\$160
Faculty (Non-members)	\$180	\$195
Student (Members)	\$55	\$65
Student (non-members)	\$65	\$75

Registration for the meeting will be available soon via a link on the Academy website:
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 on the Georgia Academy website.

Faculty are encouraged to present at the meeting, but priority will be given to students if time slots are limiting. 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 2025 meeting.

Sincerely,

Margaret Smith