

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

22nd Annual Regional Science Consortium Research Symposium

November 4-6, 2026

- Where:** Regional Science Consortium at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle in Erie, Pennsylvania
- When:** November 4-6, 2026
- Why:** To present recent research, on-going research, or proposed research, discuss topics related to regional research, and to meet with others who share common research interests
- Who:** Consortium members; including faculty, researchers, students, and invited guests
- Due:** Abstracts due by Monday, September 28, 2026
- Registration:** Registration will occur online through the RSC website including type of presentation and payment. Abstracts will be sent directly to Sarah (Sarah@RegSciConsort.com). Click on the Symposium Event link on the homepage at www.RegSciConsort.com or www.regsciconsort.com/events/symposiumregistration/
- Questions:** Contact Dr. Jeanette Schnars, Jeanette@RegSciConsort.com

Presentations

- Undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and researchers
- Oral or Poster presentations on ***proposed, on-going, or recent*** research projects in the region
- The goal is to make others aware of your research and initiate potential collaborations

Registration

- Registration for oral, poster, or art presentations - \$35 per presenter
- Registration for attendees not presenting – *No Fee*
- Please register at: www.regsciconsort.com/events/symposiumregistration/

Tentative Timeline

- August 7 – Call for Papers/Poster abstracts
- September 28 – Deadline for abstract submissions
- October 9 – Symposium schedule available online
- November 4, 5, and 6 – Symposium Presentations
 - November 4 at 6:00 – 8:30 PM, Poster Session and Art Exhibition with refreshments
- November 6 – Closing of Symposium and Announcement of Student Presentation Awards

Abstract Submission & Registration for Oral & Poster Presentations

Registration:

- go to <https://www.regsciconsort.com/events/symposiumregistration/>
- Scroll down to "Register for Symposium Presentation"
- Select type of presentation
- Type in presentation title
- Type in ALL Presenter(s) Full name(s)
- Type in Address
- Select "Add to Cart"
- A new window will pop up requesting payment for registration; you can use your PayPal Account or a Credit Card.

Submit Abstract:

- All Abstracts should be submitted via email to Sarah Magyan (Sarah@RegSciConsort.com) no later than Monday, September 28
- Email should include:
 - Subject line: "Symposium Abstract"
 - Body of email should include:
 - Names of all presenters
 - Name of person making payment for registrations
 - Title of Abstract
 - Type of Presentation (Oral or Poster)

- Student; Graduate or Undergraduate
 - Attached Abstract as a MSWord document
- Abstract document should contain
 - Type of Presentation (Oral or Poster)
 - Title of Presentation
 - Names of all authors
 - Note who is presenting
 - Name of College, University, or Institution
 - Abstracts should be 250 words or less
- If there is a specific message for Symposium organizers, please include in email body
- You should receive an email within 24 hours or next business day confirming your abstract submission

Art Exhibition Registrations

Registration:

- go to <https://www.regsciconsort.com/events/symposiumregistration/>
- Scroll down to "Register for Symposium Presentation"
- Select type of presentation
- Type in presentation title
- Type in ALL Presenter(s) Full name(s)
- Type in Address
- Select "Add to Cart"
- A new window will pop up requesting payment for registration; you can use your PayPal Account or a Credit Card.

Submit Art Exhibition Description:

- All Descriptions should be submitted via email to Sarah Magyan (Sarah@RegSciConsort.com) no later than Monday, September 28
- Email should include:
 - Subject line: "Symposium Abstract"
 - Body of email should include:
 - Title of Artwork
 - Media
 - Dimensions
 - Description (<250 words)
 - Type of support for display of your artwork (table, panel, floor space with stanchions, electric, etc.)

Abstract Guidelines for Oral and Poster Presentations

Please limit abstracts to no more than 250 words. Abstract must include:

- Title
- List of all authors and their affiliations; indicate which author(s) is/are presenting with an (*)
- Abstracts must be submitted in MSWord

- All text should be in 12 pt. Times New Roman font and single spaced

Oral Presentations

- Presentation should be a total of 20 minutes in length, which includes time for questions
- All oral presentations will be given in Room 112 of the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and virtually
- All talks should be loaded on the computer at the registration table no later than the break prior to the session of the presentation; Talks can be loaded at an earlier date by coordinating with the RSC Staff, Sarah Magyan (Sarah@RegSciConsort.com)
- You WILL NOT be able to connect your individual laptop computer to the projector in the room
- All presentations must run using MS PowerPoint
- The laptop and projection system are PC compatible; Please verify your stored presentation will transfer and run on an independent computer before coming to the conference
- We will make all attempts to make the audiovisual support as seamless as possible; We will not, however, delay the program because of failure of a presentation to run on the host computer

Poster Presentations

- Presenters and Artists must be available during the Poster Session & Art Exhibition on Wednesday, November 4 (6:00 – 8:30 PM) to qualify for judging for the student awards
 - Setup should be done between 3:00 – 5:45; please contact Sarah (Sarah@RegSciConsort.com) with any questions or other setup arrangements
- Posters must measure no greater than **38 inches wide**
- Each presenter will need to supply their own Velcro to hang their poster
- Hanging posters using pins or tacks does not work
- Posters should be taken down at the end of the Poster Session

Art Exhibits

- Presenters and Artists must be available during the Poster Session & Art Exhibit on Wednesday, November 4 (6:00 – 8:30 PM) to qualify for judging for the student awards
 - Setup should be done between 3:00 – 5:45; please contact Sarah (Sarah@RegSciConsort.com) with any questions or other setup arrangements
- Please advise Symposium organizers of the dimensions and type of support needed to display your artwork (table, panels, floor space with stanchions, electric available, etc.)
- All forms of art are welcome

The Jerry B. Covert Student Presentation Awards

- Undergraduate and graduate students giving oral, poster, or art that want to be considered for *Student Presentations Awards* should note this on their registration form
- Oral presentations 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50 (undergraduate and graduate students); poster presentation 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50 (undergraduate and graduate students); art exhibit 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50
- Awards will be presented Friday, November 6 (see Proceeding for time)

Judges

- If you are a faculty member or researcher, please consider judging the student presentations. Sign up by sending an email to Sarah Magyan, Sarah@RegSciConsort.com. Judging packets will be available at the registration table during the Symposium.