

2026 DOWNSTATE ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is **February 26 at midnight (EST)**. *By submitting this form, you declare your intention to present at 2026 Annual Research Day.* For the [complete information and agenda](#), please visit the [Downstate Annual Research Day website](#) by [clicking here](#).

Participation in Annual Research is mandatory for PhD students in the School of Graduate Studies past their second year, and for MD-PhD students past their 1st year in their PhD training. Graduate students more junior than either described category are encouraged to participate. Participation is encouraged for SUNY Downstate College of Medicine students, Public Health students, College of Nursing students, School of Health Professions students, post-doctoral fellows, graduate medical fellows, residents and undergraduates who are associated with SUNY Downstate Medical Center faculty members.

To guarantee your presentation slot for Annual Research Day the registration form (below) must be completed between **Monday, February 9th, 2026 and Thursday, February 26th, 2026** and you must be available to present your research on **Wednesday, March 18th, 2026**.

For the poster sessions, the size of the posters cannot be larger than 40" top to bottom x 60" wide, and the **registrant is responsible for producing and printing** their own poster. In rare cases, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies will allow the display of a second non-competitive poster, but this **must be prearranged via Dr. Justine Lottermoser (justine.lottermoser@downstate.edu)**. Each participant is allowed a **maximum of submitting two (2) posters** for consideration. Poster presenters can find more guidance on the [Downstate Annual Research Day website poster information section by clicking here](https://downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-graduate-studies/annual-research-day/index.html#poster-printing-information) (downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-graduate-studies/annual-research-day/index.html#poster-printing-information).

Information about School of Graduate Studies Awards

Faculty and alumni of Downstate Health Sciences University will judge the abstracts and presentations of the students in the School of Graduate Studies to competitively award a number of travel awards. **Only students in the School of Graduate Studies are eligible to compete** for awards or present at the oral presentation/platform session, but other entities on the campus may use the Research Day mechanisms to score and award prizes to their students or employees at the poster sessions. Chairs or heads of departments should contact the School of Graduate Studies to identify their participants and who will be receiving the data.

Graduate Students will be judged using the following criteria. Other schools or departments are welcome to use the Graduate School scoring system and mechanism:

Presenter's contribution to the presented work: 30pts

Knowledge of Subject/Understanding of Scientific Significance: 20pts

Experimental Design for research studies or case description for case studies: 15pts

Abstract: 15pts

Clarity of Presentation 20pts

Your Prefix Title

Dr.

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Mr.

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Mrs.

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Ms.

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Other

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First Name (Personal Name)

Please use regular formatting. Do not use ALL CAPS or all lower case.

Last Name (Family Name, Surname)

Please use regular formatting. Do not use ALL CAPS or all lower case.

Your Suffix Title

Ph.D.

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M.D.

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M.S.

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B.S.

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Other

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Your Personal Street Address

Registrations using Downstate or other non-home addresses **will not be valid for competition.**

City

State

New York

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New Jersey

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Connecticut

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Other

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Zip Code

Phone Number – Enter numerical digits only

Your Downstate Email Address

This will be the address we use to contact you. **Registration forms using department/group email addresses are discouraged** – we will be unable to inform you whether your abstract is accepted or what session you will be assigned to. If you do not have a Downstate email address, please enter whichever email address we can best reach you by.

Please confirm your Downstate Email Address

If you do not have a Downstate email address, please enter whichever email address we can best reach you by.

Describe your primary status in SUNY Downstate Medical Center

- ☐ School of Graduate Studies Student
- ☐ College of Medicine Student
- ☐ School of Public Health Student
- ☐ College of Nursing Student
- ☐ School of Health Professions Student
- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Other (If you are neither a student nor a resident at SUNY Downstate, please identify your school and program, or qualification as a presenter for Annual Research Day):

If you are a resident, please identify your department

If you are a resident, please identify your Post

Graduate Year

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PGY4

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PGY5

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Other

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SUNY Downstate Medical Center Student ID Number (9 digits)

If you have a SUNY Downstate Medical Center Student ID Number (9 digits), please enter it. If you do not have one, please disregard this field.

Your Sponsor's/Advisor's Prefix Title

Dr.

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Mr.

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Mrs.

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Ms.

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Other

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Your Sponsor's/Advisor's First Name (Personal Name)

Please use regular formatting. Do not use ALL CAPS or all lower case.

Your Sponsor's/Advisor's Last Name (Family Name, Surname)

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Other

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Name of Sponsor's/Advisor's Department

If not SUNY-Downstate, please also enter Institution information.



Your Sponsor/Advisor's Email Address

Additional Advisor(s), co-Advisors, Co-Sponsors

Also, if this work is associated with a paper, please list any additional authors on that paper so that they can be avoided as judges.

Please type a dash, if none are listed.

Please list each name separated by a comma in a single line of text

Preview of Online Form

The abstract should be classified as

- ☐ Molecular & Cellular Biology
- ☐ Neural & Behavioral Science
- ☐ Biomedical Engineering
- ☐ Clinical Research
- ☐ Case Reports
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Translational Research
- ☐ Social Research
- ☐ Quality Improvement
- ☐ Other

Abstract Title

Please Type Your Abstract Title in Plain Text, Using Title Font, NOT "ALL CAPS", or "all lower case".

Abstract Text

Use plain text (paste as **plain text** if taken from elsewhere). Not more than

2000 characters, including spaces and punctuation. Entries with additional characters will not be accepted by this form, so please check your abstract for size and

enter or paste as **plain text**. Submissions that are full of code, or unreadable, will not be honored. Do not include lists or tables in the abstract. Equations may be disallowed if they are too cumbersome to print within the allotted space. Define abbreviated terms in the text when they are initially used (unless they are commonly understood). The abstract should include the rationale for the research, a brief description of the methods, the results, and a brief discussion of the results and their significance in the context of the literature.

Question only for students of SUNY Downstate School of Graduate Studies

Select whether or not you would like to present your work as an oral/platform presentation. The number of oral presentations are limited. Registrants not selected for an oral/platform presentation will be informed and will have to present their work in poster form. *All other Annual Research Day registrants, please leave this choice blank.*

- ☐ Oral/Platform scheduled for 11:00am–1:30pm on March 18th in PHAB Classroom 2E

- ☐ Poster Presentations 2:30pm – 3:45pm on March 18th in the PHAB Hall

I understand that I am responsible for printing my poster and that it is strongly encouraged to plan that now.

I am aware that information on printing options (both Downstate in-house and external) can be found at downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-graduate-studies/annual-research-day/index.html#poster-printing-information

- ☐ I understand
- ☐ I did not properly read this prompt

Is this your first submission to this Annual Research Day?

If this submission is meant to replace or update an existing registration, have you informed Dr. Justine Lottermoser (justine.lottermoser@downstate.edu) to remove your outdated registration information?

- ☐ I need to inform the organizer to remove my previous submission
- ☐ This is my first registration form
- ☐ I have permission to submit a 2nd poster

This is the end of the registration form.

Check correctness of your entries, then

1. select **Submit**
2. **press the "next page" button** in the bottom-right of your screen (rectangular dark blue box with white arrows >> >)

☐ Submit – I hereby declare my intention to present on Annual Research Day

Please find all information about the Downstate Annual Research Day and poster guidance at downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-graduate-studies/annual-research-day/index.html

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