

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DUE DATE: March 6, 2026

The 36th Annual Research Symposium, proudly sponsored by the UC Davis Department of Surgery, will take place on **Tuesday, April 14th, 2026**. All researchers in the department of surgery are encouraged to submit abstracts for any research project that are either completed or in progress. Abstracts will be scored by the research symposium committee and reviewers. Selected research symposium participants will present their work and receive constructive feedback as preparation for formal presentations in future academic meetings. Please note that **all residents currently completing their research year must submit an abstract by the scheduled due date to receive credit for this requirement**. Awards will be given by each category (Basic Science and Translational/Clinical) based on the scores provided by the participating faculty. Residents, Graduate Students, Fellows, and Post-docs are eligible for both oral and poster submissions. Jr. Specialist, Medical Students, and Undergraduate Students are eligible to submit for consideration for the poster session.

Abstract Guidelines: All abstract submissions must adhere to the following criteria that we have established for standardized formatting:

- Maximum character limit of 2000 (not including title, authors or division); single-spaced; Times New Roman; 11pt. font
- **Title:** length does not exceed 2 lines; fits within one-page abstract limit; must include all authors and surgery division(s), department faculty member sponsor included below title
- **Introduction:** briefly state your rationale and hypothesis in 1–2 sentences without using abbreviations
- **Method:** describe the experimental techniques in 1–3 sentences
- **Results (or Progress, if no data):** summarize major study findings
 - Tables are labeled/formatted using 11 pt. Times New Roman font
 - Figures (including legend) should be readable
 - Tables and figures **must** fit within the one-page abstract limit.
- **Conclusion:** summarize major findings and state the study conclusions in 1–2 sentences. If the work is still in progress, describe the next steps.
- Abstracts not submitted on the designated form, Oxford Abstracts, will be returned without consideration.
- **Oxford Abstracts Submission Link:** <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/81416/submitter>
- Event registration information will be sent in a separate communication shortly, please note - everyone planning to attend must register, registration is a separate process from abstract submission.

Guidelines for Presentation Format: Upon review, the Research Committee selects which abstract submissions will be presented. Presentations will be further categorized into 1 of 2 different formats.

- 1) 10-minute max. oral slide presentations for more detailed work
- 2) 5-minute max digital poster slide presentation

Attendance will be monitored and mandatory for ALL surgical residents and fellows unless emergency documentation is provided. All Department Faculty are expected to attend. For medical students participating in surgery rotations – attendance is strongly encouraged, but not required. If you have any questions regarding event details or the submission of an abstract, please contact Events & Special Projects Coordinator, Erin Wilson at evwils@health.ucdavis.edu. **Abstracts sent directly to the Research Day Team will not be accepted.**

Deadline – all abstracts must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2025***Late submissions will not be accepted***