AOCS

2026 Abstract Submission Guidelines

September 2025

Section 1: Overview

Thank you for your interest in submitting quality and original research for presentation at the 2026 AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo!

Submission System & Deadline

All authors wishing to contribute papers to the AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo must submit an online abstract for review by the Program Committee and session chairpersons. The CadmiumCD Abstract Scorecard is the online meeting programming system used by AOCS presenters, Program Committee members, and session chairpersons to submit, view, review, and edit abstracts for the AOCS Annual Meeting. Instructions for navigating the AOCS Abstract Submission System are included in Section 4.

A checklist of information requested at the time of abstract submission can be found in Appendix B.

Abstracts will be collected via the AOCS Abstract Submission System from **September 8, 2025 to January 12, 2026**.

Abstract Reviews

Abstract reviews will begin by the Program Committee and session chairpersons in **January, 2025**.

Abstracts will be evaluated individually using the following criteria:
- Relevance to the session topic,
- Creativity and originality of content, and
- Tangible message, solutions, and best practice(s).

Abstracts submitted for the Technical Program that deal with commercial products or services must have a scientific emphasis and **should not** be submitted for promotion purposes.

Abstracts should minimize the use of proprietary nomenclature or company name as well. There might be exceptions for special commercial sessions. For more information, contact Lucas Censi, Program Manager at lucas.censi@aocs.org.

The AOCS Program Committee and session chairs reserve the ultimate right to select abstracts for presentation based on quality factors including, but not limited to:
- Scientific merit,
- Relevancy to the session focus,
- Innovation,
- Practical application of content,
- Pertinence to target audience(s).

The final placement of the abstract – presentation type and session - will be determined by the Program Committee based on the quality and subject matter that best fits the meeting program.

Abstracts failing to meet one or more quality factors will not be selected.

Acceptance & Scheduling Notices

Authors will be notified by **Mid-February, 2026** via email as to the status of their abstract(s) and will be given detailed instructions regarding their presentations. Only the presenting author will receive an e-mail notification of abstract status. It is the responsibility of the presenting author to ensure that they have a valid and current email address in the AOCS Abstract Submission System.

If accepted, it is the responsibility of the presenting author to inform all co-authors and faculty advisors of disposition status and abstract scheduling information. Please check with all authors regarding acceptance before contacting AOCS.

Registration Requirement

All presenting authors (oral, poster, invited, volunteer, etc.) are required to register and pay the published registration fee to present and attend the AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo. All presenters must be registered by **March 31, 2026**.

Registration will be available at annualmeeting.aocs.org beginning in January 2026. AOCS does not reimburse presenters for registration fees or other expenses incurred during the Annual Meeting. ***There is no reduced registration rate for invited presenters.***

If funding support is required in order to participate in the AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo, please notify your Session Chair or Program Organizer no later than February 23rd, 2025.

Failure to register for the meeting by **March 31, 2026,** will result in the withdrawal of your abstract.

Available Travel Grants and Funding

AOCS offers many opportunities for presenters at the AOCS annual meeting to gain recognition for their hard work and achievements in the form of professional and student awards as well as travel grants. Award applications must be submitted by October. Each award has its own specific and unique nomination requirements. Learn more about AOCS awards.

Visa Letters

Personalized visa letters are available for presenting authors once your abstract has been accepted for presentation during the AOCS Annual Meeting.

If you require a visa letter, please complete the Visa Letter request form with the following information:
- Full legal name
- Professional title
- Institutional affiliation
- Address
- Email

Please allow five business days for processing.

Contact Information

You can contact Lucas Censi, Program Manager, at lucas.censi@aocs.org.

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Section 2: Session Types

The AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo is a premier international science and business forum on fats, oils proteins, surfactants, and related materials. Known for its extensive technical program, the Annual Meeting features more than 500 oral and poster presentations within 10 interest areas, as well as select featured sessions.

Technical Sessions

The AOCS Program Committee, chaired by Rinat Ran-Ressler, Senior Principal Scientist, Nestlé, USA (Rinat.Ran-Ressler@rd.nestle.com) oversees the development of the meeting's Technical Program, which hosts all technical sessions.

The Annual Meeting's technical program is divided into 10 interest areas, represented by the AOCS Divisions:

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The program features invited presentations by leading industry experts, as well as volunteer oral and poster presentations. Submit your abstract via the AOCS Abstract Submission System for review. Instructions for navigating the AOCS Abstract Submission System are included in Section 4.

Featured Sessions

These Sessions happen on the first day of the AOCS Annual Meeting before the Technical Program Sessions. A select group of AOCS Governing Board members, alongside AOCS Staff leadership evaluates and approves Featured Session proposals.

Featured Sessions can be submitted by volunteer organizers. Submit your session proposal idea via email directly to steph.adams@aocs.org

AOCS Student Poster Competition

The Student Poster Competition was designed to give student researchers an opportunity to highlight their achievements, demonstrate their ability in scientific presentations, and receive important feedback and mentoring from industry leaders.

The competition is open to individuals who are full-time students at the time of submission for work recently performed while enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral degree program. Visit the meeting website for more details. See Appendix A.

Contact Information

If you have questions about the AOCS Annual Meeting, please contact Lucas Censi, Program Manager, at +1 217-693-4828 or lucas.censi@aocs.org.

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Section 3: Program Goals & Guidelines

Technical Program Goals

The AOCS Annual Meeting brings together the global community of chemists, nutritionists, engineers, and business leaders who are advancing the science of fats, oils, proteins, surfactants, and related materials.

For the 2026 AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo, AOCS will continue to expand upon its tradition of program quality by:

- Providing cutting-edge, top-quality scientific research and programming by leading professionals and researchers in the fats and oils industry.
- Offering relevant research and programming on key focus areas facing professionals from industry, academia, and government working in all areas of the fats and oils supply chain.
- Presenting both basic and transformative research and applied science.
- Creating a digital library of on-demand content for Annual Meeting attendees to access from the comfort of their home or office.

Each year, hundreds of abstracts are submitted to AOCS for consideration. The AOCS Program Committee and session chairpersons are charged with reviewing all abstracts and selecting the premier submissions to be included in the Annual Meeting program. An accepted abstract honors the scientific and scholarly achievements of the presenters and contributes to the growth of the fats and oils industry.

AOCS welcomes and appreciates all who submit abstracts and looks forward to another successful AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo!

General Guidelines for Abstracts

- The data presented must be substantive. AOCS discourages the submission of incomplete research at the time of submission. Recent results may be added at the time of presentation. However, the results shown in the abstract must be substantive.
- Papers under review for publication may be submitted for presentation.
- Abstracts should address the following:
    - Justification
    - Objective
    - Methods
    - Results
    - Significance of your research to the AOCS membership
- Authors should not split data to create several abstracts from one study. If two or more abstracts on related topics with minimal information are submitted, priority of related abstracts will be reduced.
- Data must represent new findings obtained using the scientific approach.
- Data similar to previous presentations should not be submitted. Findings should be stated in sufficient detail to support conclusions. Updated research related to a previous presentation needs to be indicated in the abstract.
- The abstract must cite quantitative data from representative experiments. Do not simply state that the results will be discussed.
- Abstracts submitted for the Technical Program that deals with commercial products or services must have a scientific emphasis and should not be submitted for promotion purposes. There might be exceptions for special commercial sessions. For more information contact Lucas Censi, at lucas.censi@aocs.org.
- All abstracts must use correct grammar and punctuation. Proofread very carefully for formatting, spelling, and grammar to avoid errors before submission. Abstracts will not be edited prior to publication.
- Incomplete abstracts and session proposals will not be reviewed.

A checklist of information requested at the time of abstract submission can be found in Appendix B. This checklist enables submitters to prepare their submissions prior to submitting them if preferred.

Please note that required submission fields for abstract proposals will differ slightly based on the submission type chosen. Please contact AOCS with any questions regarding fields specific to submission types.

Contact Information

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Section 4: System User Guide

The CadmiumCD Abstract Scorecard is AOCS' Abstract Submission System. The online system will allow you to view, edit, and prepare abstracts seamlessly in a central location.

Logging In

The AOCS Abstract Submission System can be accessed using your AOCS username and password.

More than likely you already have an AOCS username and password. If you do not have an AOCS login, you will have the opportunity to create one for free.

To access the CadmiumCD Abstract Scorecard:
1. Visit the AOCS Abstract Submission System
2. Click "Login."
3. You will be redirected to aocs.org. Enter your AOCS username and password.
4. You will be redirected back to the CadmiumCD Abstract Scorecard. Verify your contact information.
5. Click "Proceed."
6. Review the privacy notice, check the box to consent, and enter your full name on the line. Click "Continue."

Creating an ID

If you do not have an AOCS username and password, you may create one for **free**; paid AOCS Membership is **not** required. To create an AOCS username and password:
1. Visit https://account.aocs.org/memberships/become-a-member.
2. Enter your email address in the box provided and click "Continue."
3. Provide all required information marked with an asterisk (*).
4. Complete the checkboxes for "Consent Capture" and click "Next."
5. Congratulations, you now have an account with AOCS!
6. Return to the CadmiumCD Abstract Scorecard with your new AOCS username and password.

Privacy Notice

When you first log in, the CadmiumCD Privacy Notice will appear. Please be sure to read the notice in full. All submitters and authors are required to click the checkbox to acknowledge their consent to the Privacy Notice, as well as type in their electronic signature.

How to Enter Your Abstract into the System

1. Begin Your Abstract

From the Welcome Screen, locate the ABSTRACTS section and click the green "Click here to begin a new abstract."

Start your submission with your **Abstract Title** and **Submission Type**. Both fields are required to proceed to the next page.

Title

Clearly identify the focus of the abstract in 200 characters or less. The title should be entered in sentence case. Capitalize only the first letter of the title, any proper nouns or acronyms, and the first word following a colon (:). Do not begin abstract titles with "The", "A", or "And" and do not end titles with a period (.)

Submission Type

Select the type of submission from the drop-down menu. Submission type descriptions are located on the page for your reference. Select from the following submission types:

- Invited Abstract– Select if you were approached by a session chair to present specifically within their session.
- Volunteer Oral Abstract
- Poster Abstract

Submission Type *

Please select the type of submission. A description of submission types are given below.

After selecting the submission type click the "Submit" button located in the up[...] continue with your submission.

-- Select Submission Type --

Drop down for submission types

Submission Type Descriptions

Invited Abstract
Session Chairpersons have sought out and invited experts to share their recent work within the technical program. Invited oral presentations are usually limited to 20 or 40 minutes and allow for live interaction with the audience.

Volunteer Abstract
AOCS seeks volunteer abstracts related to each of AOCS' ten interest areas. Oral presentations are usually limited to 20 minutes and allow for live interaction with the audience.

Poster Abstract
AOCS seeks volunteer poster abstracts related to each of AOCS' ten interest areas. Posters are research summaries presented as visually attractive, single-page professional-grade paper posters. Student Poster submissions are automatically part of the 2024 Student Poster Competition.

Hot Topic Session Proposal
AOCS seeks proposals for 90-minute sessions aimed at addressing how critical shifts and related transformations – both current and on the horizon – will impact the business of fats and oils.

2024 AOCS Award Winner
Specific 2024 AOCS award recipients are invited to present an award lecture during the annual meeting.

Submit

Click here to advance to the next step in the submission

Once you have completed the title and submission type, click the "Submit" button.

Note: *Selecting a preference for an oral or poster presentation does not guarantee placement. Final presentation type will be determined by the Program Committee based on quality and subject matter that best fits the meeting program.*

2. Complete Your Abstract Tasks

After you submit your title and submission type, you will be taken to the Task List page. Please keep in mind that assigned tasks will differ slightly based on submission type.

2. AOCS Presenter - Funding Disclosure
Review and agree to the AOCS Presenter - Funding Disclosure

3. Add Your Presentation Abstract
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Click directly on the task name to access the task

4. Provide Author and Co-Author Information
Last Updated Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 10:50 AM
Add author and co-author information to this submission.

The page will show all the assigned tasks you must complete to fully submit your abstract. Click on the blue hyperlinked title of the task to be taken to each individual task page.

The tasks asked are:

Task #1: AOCS Presenter Agreement

You must read, mark the check box, and electronically sign the AOCS Speaker Agreement. Once you have completed the agreement, click the "Submit Agreement" box. You will then return to the task list page. The presenter agreement text is available in Appendix C.

Task #2: AOCS Presenter Agreement

Invited presenters are expected to pay the published registration fee and register by March 31, 2023 to present and attend the AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo. If you require funding to attend, please contact the session chairs of your session no later than February 23rd, 2024. After reading the message, mark the check box, and electronically sign the agreement. Once complete, click the "Submit Agreement" box.

Task #3: Add the Abstract Text to this Submission

This task will allow you to add the body of your abstract to your submission. This task includes the below required fields:

Abstract Title: Review your previously entered title.
Select Interest Area*: Select the interest area related to your abstract from the following options:
- Analytical
- Biotechnology
- Edible Applications Technology
- Health and Nutrition
- Industrial Oil Products
- Lipid Oxidation and Quality
- Phospholipid
- Processing
- Protein and Co-Products
- Surfactants and Detergents

Please note that not all submission types will be asked to select an interest area or a session topic

Once you have selected your interest area, you will also be asked to select the specific session to which you are submitting. Session topics will populate based on the interest area chosen. See below:

Proposal (Abstract) Title *

Clearly identify the focus of the abstract in 200 characters or less.

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24 characters (Max 200 characters)
4 words (Max 0 words)

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Interest Area *

Please select the interest area related to your proposal.

Biotechnology ⌄

Select the session topic most applicable to your proposal. Session topics will populate based on the interest area chosen. *

○ Biocatalysis- Enzyme Processing
○ Biopolymers
○ Biosurfactants (LCA/Sustainability)
○ Fermentation
○ Gene Editing Technologies
○ General Biotechnology
○ Improving Protein/Quality Content
○ Lipid and Oil Improvements
○ New Crops for Oils/Feedstock Engineering
○ Non-food Applications of Proteins

If you are not sure of the session topic, choose the topic that you believe is most applicable to your abstract content. The Division Program Chairs may suggest moving an abstract to a different topic if applicable.

Abstract: The abstract word limit (total characters) is 300 words. You are allowed a maximum of two (2) tables and/or images. The tables/images can be added during the "Upload image(s) task."

Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations must be kept to a minimum and must be placed in parenthesis after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated. Do not include self-citations, references, keywords, bibliographies, acknowledgments, support/grants, or disclaimers in your abstract. Any references found in the abstract will be removed before publication.

Carefully proofread and check your submission for accuracy; abstracts will be published as submitted. If your abstract does not comply with these requirements, you will be asked to adjust the text before a final decision can be made by the Session Chairs.

Once you have completed all the required fields for this task, please click "Continue" to save the information and be taken back to your task list page.

Task #4: Provide Author and Co-Author Information

Add the list of authors for your abstract and identify who will be the presenting author. Provide the following information for each author:

- **Name:** First, Middle Initial, Last
- **Organization/Affiliation**
- **Country**
- **Valid Email Address**

Once you have entered your authors, please click "Save Authors" to save the information and return to your task list page.

Task #5: Upload image(s) for your Abstract (Optional)

You can add up to two tables and/or images to support your abstract. If you do not wish to upload any files, please click the "I have nothing to upload" check box to opt-out. See next:

Once you have uploaded your files or opted out, please click "Continue" to save the information and be taken back to your task list page.

3. Preview and Submit Your Proposal

Once you have completed all the required tasks for your submission, you will see a green checkmark for each task on your task list page. Please make sure to click **"Save Submission."**

Please ensure that you click on "Submit" before the deadline or your abstract will not be reviewed!

You will receive a confirmation email once your abstract has been fully submitted.

Helpful Information for Submitters

You do not have to complete all the tasks at once. If you save your submission, you can log back into the submission system at any time before the submission deadline to edit, review, and submit your proposal.

You can click on the task bar to go back to another section of the submission to view/make edits. For example:

Home / Abstract / Task List for 'Invited abstract TEST'

- **"Home"** will take you back to the main landing page. From the home page, you can see the title and status for all your abstract submissions.

- **"Abstract"** will take you to the title page for the submission you are currently working in. From the proposal page you can update your title, change your submission type, and withdraw your proposal from consideration.

- **"Task List for 'abstract title'"** will take you to your task list page for the abstract you are working in. From the task page you can click on all your assigned tasks.

Checking Your Abstract Status

Before the submission deadline, you can verify whether your abstract proposal has been fully submitted by logging into your AOCS Abstract Submission System account and checking the main landing page. The status of the proposal is listed underneath the title.

If the status is "INCOMPLETE," then the proposal is missing some elements and hasn't been submitted. If the status is "Complete," then the proposal has been fully submitted.

Withdrawing an Abstract Submission

You may withdraw your abstract if you no longer wish to present your abstract at the meeting. However, except under extraordinary circumstances, AOCS discourages withdrawal of a paper less than two weeks before the Annual Meeting. If an author cannot attend the meeting, one of the remaining co-authors is responsible for the presentation. This will avoid discontinuity in the session.

If prior to the Review

Reviews begin January, 2026.
- Prior to that date, login to your abstract submission account.
- Click on the proposal title you wish to withdraw
- Click on Edit
- At the bottom of the page, select "Withdrawn" as the Proposal Status in the drop-down menu.
- Click on "Update Proposal".

After Reviews Begin

To withdraw an abstract on or after January, 2026, please contact Lucas Censi, Program Manager. Contact Information below.

Contact Information

If you have questions about the AOCS Annual Meeting, please contact Lucas Censi, Program Manager at +1 217-693-4828 or lucas.censi@aocs.org.

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Appendix A:
AOCS Student Poster Competition

The AOCS community is a unique mix of professionals from industry, academia and government working in all areas of the fats and oils supply chain, from field to product. Supporting students in the lipid science and oil technology fields has always been an important mission to AOCS.

AOCS invites all student researchers to submit their poster abstract presentation within any one of the ten interest areas represented by the AOCS Divisions:

- Analytical
- Biotechnology
- Edible Applications Technology
- Health and Nutrition
- Industrial Oil Products

- Lipid Oxidation and Quality
- Phospholipid
- Processing
- Protein and Co-Products
- Surfactants and Detergents

Students will present their physical, printed poster during the AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo dedicated poster presentation times. A panel of judges from each Division will walk around the posters and interact with students asking questions. The judges will select winners based on a set of pre-established criteria; an "audience favorite" winner may also be selected based on votes from the meeting attendees.

All accepted poster abstracts will be available to all 2026 AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo attendees and the general public on the AOCS website(s).

Eligibility

The competition is open to individuals who are full-time students at the time of submission for work recently performed while enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral degree program.

All presenters – including those participating in the Student Poster Competition – are required to register and pay the published registration fee to present and attend the AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo.

Registration will be available at annualmeeting.aocs.org beginning in January 2026. Discounted registration rates will be available for AOCS student members.

Students must be present at their poster at the dedicated presentation times to participate.

Judging Panels

Leadership of AOCS' ten Divisions will hand-select the judging panel for their competition. Judging panels may include Poster Chairpersons, AOCS Division members, and members of AOCS' Professional Educators Common Interest Group. The size and make-up of the panel will vary for each Division.

Contact Information

If you have questions about the AOCS Student Poster Competition, please contact Lucas Censi, Program Manager at +1 217-693-4828 or lucas.censi@aocs.org.

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Appendix B:
Abstract Submission Checklist

Please have the following information ready when you access the online AOCS Abstract Submission System:

- Abstract Title (200 characters max)
- Type of submission: Oral, poster, invited, etc.
- Session Interest Area.
- Session Title.
- The Session Chair's name who invited you (if applicable)
- Review or Original Research?
- Abstract Body (300 words max)
- Author and Co-author information, including: First, Middle Initial, Last name, country, organization/affiliation, and valid email address
- Images (up to 2 tables/images to support your submission - Optional)

Contact Information

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Appendix C:
Presenter Agreement

By uploading my abstract and any additional presentation materials here, I am agreeing to:

Allowing the American Oil Chemists' Society to share my abstract, presentation and supporting materials on the virtual meeting platform during the 2025 AOCS Annual Meeting & Expo. My abstract, presentation, and supporting materials will be added to the AOCS permanent meeting record and may be made available as early as February 15, 2026.

I represent and warrant that, to the best of my knowledge:

My presentation does not include anything defamatory, libelous, or otherwise unlawful, violates any right of privacy, or infringes any duty of confidentiality owed to another party or violates any contract, express or implied. Further, I also represent:

a) The content of the abstract and of the presentation is accurate;

b) The presentation is my original work and any contributors who have been involved in such research or preparation have been appropriately identified;

c) The abstract and presentation do not violate any copyright, proprietary, confidentiality, or personal rights of others;

d) The presentation will be educational in nature, will not promote any product or service, and will not contain any false or misleading statements regarding any products or services or include materials that are slanderous, libelous, or otherwise illegal; and

e) I am authorized to make these representations and to agree to the terms of the AOCS Abstract Submission Guidelines on behalf of my company or institution.

I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the American Oil Chemists' Society, its officers, directors, staff, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, demands, costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and other expenses arising from the inaccuracy or breach of any of the foregoing representations and warranties.

Contact Information

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