

Graduate Student Success Conference

East Lansing, Michigan

November 6-8, 2026

Call for Presentations

The Graduate Student Success Conference highlights emerging scholars whose work connects **research, practice, and innovation to societal impact, leadership development, and career success**. We invite abstract submissions from students across disciplines, research-focused and professionally oriented, whose work advances knowledge, addresses real-world challenges, and contributes to inclusive excellence.

Who Should Submit?

We encourage submissions from:

- Undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students
- Graduate students and postdoctoral scholars
- Professional students in health, business, and applied fields

Faculty advisors, research mentors, clinical supervisors, and professional program instructors are encouraged to recommend this opportunity to their strongest students.

Presentation Formats

Poster Presentations (In-Person & Virtual)

Saturday, November 7, 2026

- Poster size: 24" × 40" or 32" × 40"
- Presenters must be available for the full poster session
- Posters must include a discussion of **broader or societal impacts**

Oral Presentations ("CrossTalks")

Sunday, November 8, 2026

- 10-minute presentation + 3 minutes Q&A
- Presentations must be **accessible to a multidisciplinary audience**
- At least 1-2 minutes must address **broader impacts and significance**

Why Present at GSSC?

- Gain research and professional visibility
- Receive feedback from faculty and industry experts
- Showcase work that connects knowledge to real-world impact
- Build networks across disciplines and career pathways

New for 2026: Applied Case-Study Poster Categories

To better reflect the full range of scholarly and professional work represented at MSU and partner institutions, the Graduate Student Success Conference now includes **dedicated case-study poster categories** for professional students. These categories recognize that impactful scholarship takes many forms.

Health & Clinical Case-Study Posters

Open to students in **public health, medicine, nursing, dentistry, allied health, and related professional programs** (e.g., MPH, MD, DO, DDS, DNP).

Health Case-study posters may examine:

- Health inequities
- Access to care and community-based health interventions
- Clinical quality-improvement initiatives
- Policy, implementation, or systems-level health challenges

Posters should emphasize **problem context, evidence-informed analysis, outcomes, and implications for communities, practice, or policy**.

Business & Community Development Case-Study Posters

Open to students in **business, management, supply chain, finance, economics, entrepreneurship, and related applied programs** (e.g., MBA, MSM).

Business Case-study posters may address:

- Community or regional economic development
- Workforce development and organizational strategy
- Social enterprise, nonprofit, or public-private partnerships
- Data-informed solutions to community or industry challenges

Abstract Submission Guidelines

- **One abstract per presenter** (250-word limit)
- Co-authorship is allowed; **only one presentation per presenter**
- Clear description of purpose, approach (research or applied), outcomes, and broader impacts
- Abstracts must **avoid disciplinary jargon** and be accessible to a broad audience

Presentations should highlight **context, analytical approach, stakeholder considerations, outcomes, and broader societal or community impact**.

Abstract Submission Deadline:

Oct 20, 2026 | 6:00 PM (ET)

Present your work. Contribute to impact-driven scholarship. Submit your abstract:

<https://bit.ly/GSSCAbstracts>

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