

6th Annual Henry Ford + MSU Cancer Research Symposium

Programmatic Pathways in Cancer Research

Abstract Submission Guidelines

For your abstract to be considered, please see below:

- Abstracts should not be more than 320 words.
- All Abstracts should contain the following components:
 - Background (brief)
 - Hypothesis (if applicable)
 - Methods (descriptive experimental approach)
 - Results (data, metrics, statistics)
 - Conclusions (1 or 2 sentences)
- All submissions **must choose from one of the four cancer research areas** listed below. We recognize that not all abstracts will exactly fit in a category; in that case, please choose the one that best fits.
 - **Cancer Imaging & Early Detection-** The development and utilization of medically applicable techniques to visualize biological, chemical, or physical process and/or processing the resultant images to improve diagnosis and/or treatment of cancer or related conditions. This category also includes research encompassing data from standard and emerging imaging advances in basic and clinical research to advance the knowledge and measurement of physiological and pathophysiological events. Molecular and genome-based technologies that advance the early detection of cancer are also included in this category.
 - **Cancer Biology & Immunology-** This broad category includes research focused on the following: cellular bio-membranes, organelles, cytoskeleton, motility, metabolism, energy conversion, molecular transport, biosynthetic and secretory pathways, protein structure and function. DNA replication, DNA repair, gene expression, cell cycle control, apoptosis, autophagy, and senescence. Cell and cell-extracellular matrix interactions, membrane receptors, and intracellular signaling. Cellular development, including the properties of stem, progenitor, and differentiated cells. Basic and clinical immunology research in human and animal models, including innate and adaptive immune cell development and function, autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases. Basic research in cancer genetics is also included in this category.
 - **Experimental and Clinical Therapeutics-** This category encompasses research focused on the development, characterization, or validation of human disease models in laboratory animals or ex- vivo. This category may include research using experimental models to identify novel therapeutic targets, pre-clinical studies to test therapeutic

response, and the use of experimental models in precision medicine. Research involving clinical trials in humans is also part of this category.

- **Cancer Epidemiology, Prevention & Control-** This category includes epidemiologic research that identifies exogenous and endogenous cancer risk factors, biomarkers that predict disease onset and prognosis. Research that utilizes psychosocial and behavioral interventions to improve cancer outcomes, elucidate contextual factors, and address cancer disparities. Research that is patient-oriented and wherever possible utilizes patient reported outcomes and other patient-centered tools to improve quality of life. Integrated data analysis of cancer genome, epigenome, transcriptome, proteome and metabolome to understand the genetic basis of cancer can be included in this category. This category also includes research focused on understanding the risk factors and natural history and progression of human health and disease. Studies may include longitudinal cohort studies, case-control studies, and cross-sectional studies. Topics on statistical methodologies or applications of novel statistical methods related to cancer control and prevention are also encouraged.
- You will be responsible for printing, putting up, and removing your posters on the day of the poster session.
 - Poster boards and push pins/binder clips will be provided.
 - **Please make sure your poster is NO LARGER THAN 3' x 4' (36 inches x 48 inches).** If you have a larger size poster that you want to use, it will hang over the board.
 - At least one author will need to be present during the poster session.

Abstract Award Information:

- Poster award recipients will be invited to present their research in a scientific presentation on **Friday, October 30, 2026**. In addition, awardees will be eligible for a **travel award of up to \$250** to support attendance at the symposium.
- Travel reimbursements may be claimed by submitting eligible expenses through the awardee's home institution in accordance with institutional travel policies.

Eligible Expenses: Hotel accommodations, Mileage (reimbursed according to home institution policies) and Meals not provided as part of the symposium

Non-Eligible Expenses: Alcoholic beverages

Please retain all receipts and submit reimbursement requests through your home institution's standard expense reporting process.

DEADLINES:

- All abstracts should be submitted by **September 15, 2026**.
- The symposium poster session committee will review all abstracts and notify poster winners, no later than Friday, **October 9, 2026**.

Thank you for your submission.

Henry Ford + MSU Cancer Research Symposium Planning Committee