

Kansas City University Research Symposium 2025

April 3-5, 2025

Registration and abstract submissions are now open for all KCU students, faculty, residents, fellows, staff and external participants from academic, research and clinical institutions. You may register to attend without submitting an abstract.

Register and Submit Abstracts Here: <https://kansascity.wufoo.com/forms/kansas-city-university-research-symposium-2025/>

Event Schedule

April 3 – Kansas City Campus

Keynote Speaker:

- **Russell Swerdlow, MD**

Professor, Departments of Neurology, Cell Biology and Physiology, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Director of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, its Neurodegenerative Disorders Program, and the Heartland Center for Mitochondrial Medicine, University of Kansas School of Medicine

KCU Featured Speakers:

- **Ehab Sarsour, MS, MSc, PhD**

Associate Professor of Basic Sciences

- **Gretchen Gibson, MPH, DDS**

Assistant Group Practice Leader/Associate Professor of Dental Medicine

Live Podium Presentations:

Selected submitted abstracts

Live Virtual Presentations:

College of Osteopathic Medicine students on clerkship rotations at distant locations

April 4 – Kansas City Campus In-Person / Virtual

Distinguished Guest Speaker:

- **Barbara Binzak-Blumenfeld, PhD**

Co-Head of the FDA & Biotechnology Section, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

Graduate Medical Education (GME) Resident and Fellow Presentations:

Virtual Presentations

Live Podium Presentations:

Selected submitted abstracts

Live Virtual Presentations:

College of Osteopathic Medicine students on clerkship rotations at distant locations

April 5 – Virtual & Joplin Campus

Distinguished Guest Speaker:

- **Angela Slitt, PhD**

Professor, Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Rhode Island

KCU Featured Speakers:

- **Jeff Staudinger, PhD**

Professor of Pharmacology (Joplin Campus)

- **Aaron Segal, PhD**

Assistant Professor Bioethics (Kansas City Campus)

KCU Summer Student Research Fellows Presentations

Multiple Poster Sessions

Research and Career Development Sessions (TBD)

Abstract Guidelines

- **Abstracts are limited to 300 words.**
- **Original Work:** All abstracts must be original and unpublished. Abstracts presenting findings or novel analyses not included in full publications are welcome.
- **Encore Abstracts:** Abstracts presenting the same research at multiple conferences are allowed.

- **Content Restrictions:** No literature reviews unless new research, theory, or hypotheses are included. Commercial abstracts and those with proprietary restrictions are not allowed.
 - **Scientific Focus:** All abstracts must be scientific in nature and free of commercial, political, or inappropriate references.
 - **Single Presenter:** Each abstract must have only one presenting author. No multiple presenters allowed.
 - **Location Restrictions:** Presentations (both podium and poster) must be assigned to a single location (Kansas City or Joplin) — no double-location presentations.
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Abstract Structure

- **Title:** Use lowercase letters with only the first word capitalized (e.g., *Temperature dependence of ionizing radiation effects on dry preparations of bacterial enzymes*).
 - **Author Information:** List all authors and their institutions.
 - **Body of Abstract:** Must be single-spaced. No tables, graphs, or structural formulae allowed, though simple mathematical formulas are acceptable.
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Poster Formatting

- **Orientation:** All posters must be in portrait orientation.
 - **Dimensions:** Posters must be 36" W x 48" H.
 - **Template:** KCU participants, please use the following poster template:
[KCU Poster Template](#)
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Awards & Recognition

Recognition of Top Presentations:

The KCU Research Symposium Committee will recognize top presenters during the event. Students are eligible for awards for both oral and poster presentations.

- **Yale U. Castlio, DO, Prize for Research:** More information will be announced shortly.

- **Resident/Fellow Research Award:**

KCU GME Consortium residents and fellows presenting virtual poster presentations will be eligible for the Resident/Fellow Research Award, with a prize of up to \$500. Additional information will be sent with presentation acceptance emails.

Important Contacts

- **For Questions:** Email: research-symposia@kansascity.edu
- **For GME Resident/Fellow Abstract Assistance:** Contact: gme@kansascity.edu

We hope you will take this opportunity to share your research with your peers and colleagues!