

Dear Members of the Georgia Academy of Science,

This is the FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS for the 2021 Georgia Academy of Sciences. Because of the pandemic this will be a *virtual meeting* hosted by an external platform. The meeting will occur on **April 16-18, 2021**. Details of the virtual meeting are still in progress and will be finalized by the GAS Council in conjunction with the external host.

The abstract submission form (a Microsoft Excel document) that includes abstract submission guidelines and the contact information of presenters will be available soon. It can be downloaded from the Georgia Academy Website: <http://www.gaacademy.org/annualmeeting.html>.

The maximum size of the abstract should be limited (usually about 300 words) and included within the box of the Excel file submission form. Presenters should send the completed Abstract Submission form, including the presenter information, as an email attachment to the appropriate Section Chair. Section Chair contact information is available at <http://www.gaacademy.org/sectionofficers.html>.

The ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE is Monday, Jan. 11, 2021.

For research that will not be completed by this submission date, abstracts of research in progress will be acceptable.

Section Chairs should forward this email to appropriate individuals who are not members of the Academy but are supervising students conducting undergraduate and graduate research.

All presenters and all authors on presentations must be members of GAS. Membership information is available at: <http://www.gaacademy.org/membership.html>

Faculty are encouraged to present at the meeting, but priority will be given to students if time slots are limiting. Presentations can eventually be converted to manuscripts that can be submitted to the *Georgia Journal of Science* for publication consideration. This is a great opportunity to establish or enhance a publication record for both students and faculty.

Abstracts must be submitted to the appropriate Section Chair. Section Chairs will acknowledge receipt of abstract submissions by contacting by email the **sender(s)** of submitted abstracts. Individuals who submit abstracts will be notified by **Day/Date, 2021** by the Section Chair if their abstract has been accepted. Submitters may also be contacted during the editing process in **January 2021** so they should check e-mail frequently during that time.

Registration information is still pending, but that information will soon be available. Registration information and on-line registration will be available at <http://www.gaacademy.org/annualmeeting.html>.

Section Chairs should **request volunteers from their sections to serve as judges** of undergraduate and graduate student papers and posters at the meeting.

Individuals interested in **refereeing submitted abstracts** should contact their Section Chair by email and include their area of expertise. Those interested in serving as referees should familiarize themselves with the abstract criteria and the submission form on the Georgia Academy website.

Abstracts received by **Jan. 11, 2021** will be submitted to referees who will review them and make minor corrections if necessary. If major changes are required, referees will send requests to Section Chairs who will pass them on to the submitters for action. **Revised abstracts will be returned to Section Chairs so they can be forwarded to the Technical Programs Chair and to the Editor or Associate Editor of the Georgia Journal of Science for posting in Digital Commons.**

Please contact your Section Chair if you have additional questions.

Stay safe and stay well.

Best regards,

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