

UFSS 2022 Call for Abstracts

The Scientific Committee for the 2022 Urban Food Systems Symposium invites you to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster presentation. The 2022 symposium will be held September 26-28 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The theme for the symposium is *Building Coalitions for a Changing World* as viewed through our work in urban food systems. **Urban food systems** work includes a broad array of topics related to urban agriculture and the interaction of urban populations and the food system. Consistent with that, we invite proposals focusing on:

- Climate change and environmental aspects of urban agriculture
- Urban food production systems (growing food indoors and outdoors in urban/peri urban areas, including controlled environment agriculture)
- Challenges of growing in urban areas
- Training and education (e.g., farmers, food processors, educators, students) in Urban Food Systems
- Urban food distribution systems
- Urban planning and development
- Community and economic development
- Connecting urban consumers with agriculture
- Nutrition and human health of urban communities
- Food security and food safety
- Food system policy and advocacy
- Extension and outreach in urban food systems

Important Dates in 2022:

- Abstract submission opens: January 15
- Deadline for abstract submission: March 15
- Early bird registration opens: April 1
- Acceptance notification: May 16
- Deadline for early bird registration: May 31
- Deadline for presenter conference registration: June 15
- Deadline for manuscript submission: September 29
- Deadline for full paper review and modification: January 10 (2023)

Abstracts should clearly align to the theme and focus areas and be targeted to address research, education, and extension and/or community development programs in urban food systems.

Abstracts should fall into the format categories of oral presentation or poster presentation.

1. **Oral** presentations will be 15 minutes in length. Each concurrent oral session will conclude with a panel discussion with all speakers of that session. LCD projectors and computers will be provided.

2. **Poster** presenters will be expected to be at their poster for discussion during the scheduled poster event. Poster presenters will be expected to submit a pdf of their poster to be posted on the conference app. Free standing boards will be provided for presenting posters. Maximum poster size is 48 inches x 48 inches. Handouts may be used and all posters must include the poster title and author information. Tacks will be provided.

Oral and poster presenters have the (optional) opportunity to give a 3-minute recorded talk of their abstract to be posted on the conference app. Directions for poster preparation and the 3-minute recording will be provided.

Abstracts **must** be submitted online via the UFSS 2022 website. Do not email your file to the organizers as it will not be included in the review and scheduling process.

Abstract Preparation and Submission Instructions:

- English is the symposium official language; all abstracts are to be submitted in English. The organizers reserve the right to edit all abstracts for English usage.
- Abstracts must be original work and all author(s) approve submitting the work for presentation.
- Only submit abstracts for work that is complete.
- The abstract must be submitted by the presenting author.
- Submissions are limited to one oral presentation per presenting author.
- Abstracts are limited to 400 words, single spaced. Text only and no graphs or figures.
- Keep titles as concise as possible. Type title in upper and lower case, standard title format.
- Please note in the text of your abstract submission if you would be willing to be selected for either oral or poster format.
- Please note in the text of your abstract select up to three focus areas listed above that your project addresses.

To submit an abstract, complete the online submission form located [HERE](#). Information about submitting abstracts, contact Candice Shoemaker, cshoemak@ksu.edu

Selection Process

Abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee after the submission deadline based on relevancy to the Urban Food Systems Symposium in addition to quality. All abstracts are subject to the same rules for acceptability, regardless of presentation method.

Notification of Presentation Status and Format

Submitters will be notified by **May 16, 2022** of their acceptance to the symposium program and their designated presentation format.

Presenter Registration

All presenters must register and pay for the UFSS conference by **June 15, 2022** or their abstract will be withdrawn. Please note that early bird registration closes on May 31, 2022.

Manuscript Submission

All oral presenters, including invited and keynote speakers, will be required to submit a manuscript for publication in the Symposium Proceedings. If this is not agreed to by the author(s), the work can be presented as a poster. All accepted poster presentations are eligible for publication in the proceedings if a suitable manuscript is prepared and submitted on time to the Editorial Board. Manuscripts must be submitted by **September 29, 2022**.