



**Subject: 52nd Rochester Academy of Science Annual Fall Scientific Paper Session
Second Call for Abstracts**

To: Academic Department Heads in Upstate New York Colleges and Universities

The Rochester Academy of Science has held this conference annually since 1974, each year in partnership with an educational institution. This year St. John Fisher University and the Rochester Academy of Science have partnered to bring this event to you. Faculty and students prepare posters and oral presentations for a large audience, typically about 300-400 attendees. See <https://rasny.org> for more information on the Academy.

Attendees over the past three years came from 25 Upstate New York colleges and universities – Buffalo State University, Canisius University, Cornell University, Corning Community College, D'Youville University, Finger Lakes Community College, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Houghton University, Ithaca College, Keuka College, Monroe Community College, Nazareth University, Niagara University, Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher University, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry, SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Oswego, Syracuse University, the University of Rochester, Utah State University, and Wells College—and two high schools—Pittsford Sutherland and Victor, as well as from the Rochester Academy of Science and other institutions.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or write.

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Dear Colleagues:

Regarding the 52nd Annual Rochester Academy of Science Annual Fall Scientific Paper Session at St. John Fisher University — Second Call for Abstracts

The 52nd Annual Fall Scientific Paper Session of the Rochester Academy of Science will be hosted by St. John Fisher University on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The address for St. John Fisher University is 3690 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14618. The event will be in their Integrated Science and Health Sciences Building.

The purpose of this event is to provide a venue for science students and faculty of local colleges and universities with an opportunity to gather and share their research interests and research results with posters or oral presentations.

The Rochester Academy of Science Annual Larry King Memorial Fall Lecture will be held at this event. Our distinguished speaker is Aurora Kuczek—noted wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She has worked with birds across the Americas in remote places like Alaska and Argentina and will speak on ***Seabird field research in remote environments.***

There is no charge to attend, but please register even if not presenting.

If presenting, submit your abstract with the fee of \$10 per abstract, regardless of number of authors. If any authors are members of the Rochester Academy of Science you will receive a \$5 rebate. Advisors should consider membership, which is only \$10. See <https://rasny.org/how-to-join> for more information.

Complementary morning beverages and snacks will be set out. You may bring your own lunch or purchase Ward-Haffey dining hall lunch tickets at \$14.99 when registering.

Please use this link for more information, to register, and to pay an abstract fee or lunch ticket: <https://rasny.org/paper-session>.

Participants must register by Friday, October 23, 2026. If presenting, an abstract of the presentation must also be received by Friday, October 23, 2026. Abstract submission instructions are to be found at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14UQFpPkGNuKtLYwaAWt1XjImbEd8K8YBlml0xCrVfV8/edit?usp=sharing>

Sincerely,

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