



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

Please forward this to the faculty in your department, especially ones with student researchers. We do not have a mail list for your department, so only Department heads/chairs, coordinators, and leads have been sent this, with copies to your Administrative Assistant/Secretary if found.

We have sent this to departments of Anthropology, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Earth Science/Geology/Geosciences, Environmental Science/Conservation, Neuroscience, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology, and the like.

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 on November 7, 2026. 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.

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

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Subject: Final Call for Abstracts

52nd Rochester Academy of Science Annual Fall Scientific Paper Session

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October 7, 2026

Dear Colleagues:

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. NOTE CHANGE: The event will begin at Kearney Hall with registration, refreshments and the keynote lecture. It will then move to their Integrated Science and Health Sciences Building for oral presentations, posters, and late registration.

Note change: All attendees must register by Friday, October 30, 2026. For those who are presenting, an abstract of the presentation must be received by Friday, October 23, 2026.

Abstract submission instructions are found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14UQFpPkGNuKtLYwaAWt1XjImbEd8K8YBlmI0xCrVfV8/edit?usp=sharing>

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 keynote will be the Rochester Academy of Science's Annual Larry King Memorial Fall Lecture. Our distinguished speaker is Aurora Kuczek—noted wildlife biologist. 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 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 also to pay for abstract fee and/or lunch:

<https://rasny.org/paper-session>.

Sincerely,

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