



Northern California Section
Institute of Food Technologists

NCIFT STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION 2026 - CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Northern California Institute of Food Technologists (NCIFT) invites you to submit an abstract of your original Food Science and Nutrition related scientific research project (graduate and undergraduate enteries) or Review research project (undergraduate enteries only) to be considered for presentation at NCIFT Supplier's Night, May 5, 2026. All poster presenters will automatically be entered into the poster competition, which is open to both graduate and undergraduate students.

Awards

The first place winners from each group (graduate and undergraduate) will be awarded \$500.

Important Dates

- **Submission Opening:** November 1, 2025
- **Submission Deadline:** January 31, 2026, 23:59 Pacific Time
Abstract submissions must be completed by the deadline.

Selection Process

All abstracts will be evaluated anonymously by the Scientific Committee. Selected abstracts from both undergraduate and graduate groups will be accepted for poster presentation. Presenters will be notified by email by March 1, 2026.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION - Research Project

Before you begin, please prepare the following information:

- **Presenting Author's Contact Details:**
 - Full first and last name(s)
 - Email address
 - Affiliation details
- **Author and co-authors' Details:**
 - Provide full names and affiliations for all contributors.
- **Abstract Title:** Must be in **UPPER CASE** and **limited to 25 words**.
- **Abstract Text:** **limited to 300 words**, including acknowledgements.
- **Abstract Topic:** Relevant to the field of food science and nutrition.
- Text only ; tables, figures, or bulleted text are not permitted.
- **Abstract Structure:** Clearly state the following sections:
Background and aims

Methods

Results

Conclusions

- Abstracts stating “data will be discussed in the presentation” will NOT be accepted.
- **Previous Publications of an Abstract:** An abstract can be submitted if it was/will be presented at a scientific meeting in the current year 2025-2026. If it was presented in 2024 or earlier, it cannot be submitted unless there is significant new data.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION – Review Research Project

Abstracts of review research projects papers are accepted exclusively for undergraduate students. The review paper must have a clear objective, such as answering a specific question or providing a solution for an existing problem in the field of food science and nutrition.

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- **Author and co-authors’ Details:**
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- **Abstract Text:** **limited to 300 words**, including acknowledgements.
- **Abstract Topic:** Relevant to the field of food science and nutrition.
- Text only ; tables, figures, or bulleted text are not permitted.
- Your task is to **identify, summarize, and evaluate the ideas and information presented by the author(s) of published research**. You are required to make judgments - both positive and negative - about the content of the article, and these judgements must be based on other articles published in the same field.
- Abstracts should clearly state:
 - Background and objectives**
 - Summary of the paper**
 - Significance**
- Abstracts stating “data will be discussed in the presentation” will NOT be accepted.

How To Submit

Please read the submission rules carefully before submitting an abstract.

- The presenting author must ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract and agree to its submission before submitting the abstract.
- Abstracts, along with the signed declaration from (see page 3), must be submitted via email to “postercompetition664@gmail.com”
- Abstracts submitted without signed declaration form, will not be considered.

- All abstracts must be received by the submission deadline. Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered.

For questions, please contact: postercompetition664@gmail.com

ABSTRACT DECLARATION

- I confirm this abstract and all the information submitted are correct. I accept that the content of this abstract cannot be modified or corrected after final submission, and I am aware that it will be published as submitted.
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