



2026 ARD Biennial Research Symposium

Dates and Deadlines

“Innovations in Food, Health, and Agricultural Systems: Technological Advancements, Ecological Resilience, and Economic Sustainability”

Dates & Deadlines	Symposium Event
Submit by November 17, 2025	Deadline for Abstract Submission by COB (EST)
Submit by November 17, 2025	Deadline for Exhibitor Space Reservation (1890s)
Register by November 30, 2025	Early Registration <i>Begins September 12, 2025 (\$900)</i>
Submit by January 16, 2026	Deadline for Awards Nominations
Submit by February 6, 2026	Deadline for Exhibitor Space Reservation (non-1890s)
Register by February 28, 2026	Regular Registration <i>Begins December 1, 2025 (\$1000)</i>
March 5, 2026	Deadline to Book Hotel Reservation (Room Rate: \$249)
March 26, 2026	Last day for Registration Substitutions
Register by March 27	Late Registration <i>Begins March 1, 2026 (\$1100)</i>
March 28, 2026	Onsite Registration <i>Begins (\$1200)</i>
March 28, 2026	Student Poster Setup, Exhibitor Setup, Judges & Moderators Meetings
March 29, 2026	Student Competitive Oral & Poster Presentations, Ribbon Cutting & Reception
March 30, 2026	Opening Session, Network with Exhibitors, Student Posters, Student Awards Luncheon, Faculty Oral & Poster Presentations, Student Workshops
March 31, 2026	Plenary Session, Student Workshops, Poster & Exhibit Breakdown, Special Sessions, Morrison-Evans & B.D. Mayberry Awards Banquet

Registration Payment Methods

- Check
- ACH/Bank Transfer
- Credit Card via Whoova (fees include 3% per registration Whoova processing and Stripe processing fee of 2.9% + \$0.30)
- **No refunds**

Exhibit Payment Methods

- Check
- ACH/Bank Transfer
- Stripe Link from the ARD Office (Stripe processing fee of 2.9% + \$0.30)
- **No refunds**

Dates & Deadlines Summary

Registration

- **Early** **\$900.00**
Sept. 12, 2025 – Nov. 30, 2025
- **Regular** **\$1,000.00**
Dec. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026
- **Late** **\$1,100.00**
Mar. 1 – 27, 2026
- **Substitutions End**
Mar. 26, 2026
- **On-Site Registration** **\$1,200.00**
Begins Mar. 28, 2026
- **Guest Registration** – \$300.00 per participant

Submit Abstracts

- Deadline: COB on Nov. 17, 2025

Exhibit Registration (**\$3,000.00**)

- Deadline: Nov. 17, 2025 – for the 1890s
- Deadline: Feb. 6, 2026 – for the non-1890s

Nomination for ARD Awards

- Deadline: Jan. 16, 2026

Hotel Reservations (Room Rate: **\$249**)

- Deadline: Mar. 5, 2026



Important Information:

- Substitutions must be made in writing via email to lmwilliamson1@ncat.edu.
- Attendee must be registered prior to requesting a guest registration.