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Call for Abstracts
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Ninth Annual Graduate Education Week
Fourteenth Annual Regional Research Symposium
Student Services Center
April 17th, 2025
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

The School of Graduate Studies at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore is pleased to announce its ninth annual Graduate Education Week and 14th Annual Regional Research Symposium to be held on Thursday, April 17th, 2025. The theme of this year's symposium is:

From Vision to Innovation: Advancing Research for Society

The theme of this year's research symposium dares you not just to dream but to turn your dreams into reality. For those of us who are dreamers, this call asks us to (re)consider our dreams and our goals. Have we put forth the effort and accomplished them? Are we in the process of doing so? Or have we lost sight of our vision altogether and are looking for a way back to our mission?

It's one thing to have dreams for ourselves, but another to have dreams for the advancement of society. When we expand our dreams beyond the personal, we consider how we can connect and apply our skills, talents, drive, and vision in such a way as to align them with the betterment of society so that we may all benefit. How, then, do we create our plan and chart our course?

Turning our dreams into reality requires action—we can't simply think our way into a better tomorrow, rather, we have to help create it. Importantly, pursuing our dreams and seeing them through to fruition is never a solitary endeavor—collaboration and support are necessary to help us achieve our goals. Therefore, this year's theme asks: *In what ways have you used research to realize your dreams for the benefit of society?*

We invite researchers from all disciplines to share and celebrate their work at the research symposium. Registration and abstract submissions are due by **March 10, 2025**, using this link: wwwcp.umes.edu/research-symposium-2025/

If you need assistance with registration or abstract submission, please contact Dr. Kelsie Endicott at kjendicott@umes.edu, Dr. Wele Elangwe at welangwe@umes.edu, or Ms. Amelia Potter at agpotter@umes.edu. If you would like to support the Research Symposium by volunteering, please sign up by March 10, 2025: <https://forms.gle/cWYtAzMusetosX54A>

Respectfully,

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