

# The Iowa Space Grant Consortium's

## 2026 Spring Research Symposium (SRS)

Drake University– Olmsted Center  
2875 University Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311



Tuesday, April 28, 2026

### [Abstract and Poster Session Guidelines](#)

**Abstract submissions are due by [March 31st](#).**

General instructions and formatting suggestions are available within the [abstract template](#).

Submit here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/3ef5eac3c010492f8daeb0af01155781>

**Poster submissions are due by [March 31st](#).**

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All posters must be set up between 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and must remain until the session ends at 3:45 p.m. Materials should be removed promptly, and your area cleaned up. ISGC is not responsible for remaining materials or posters after the session ends.

- Poster dimensions: **DO NOT exceed: 36” high x 48” wide** (standard sizing).
- [Poster Template](#) is available for download.
- Poster stands with foam core boards, and alligator clips will be provided, one poster/stand.
- Space and order will be designated by numbers assigned in SRS materials and onsite.
- Logistics assistance will be available on site.
- All posters should credit the ISGC support by stating: **“This research material is supported by the Iowa Space Grant under NASA Award No. 80NSSC25M7126.”**
- We encourage use of our [ISGC logo](#). Other than size adjustments; our logo may not be manipulated or changed in color, ratio, aspect, or appearance. Gray background can be removed.

### Poster Design Suggestions

- Allow ample time to prepare your poster. Use a crisp, clean, and strong title. Do not tell the entire research history. Present only enough data to support your conclusions and show the originality of the work. The best posters display a succinct statement of major conclusions at the start, followed by supporting text in later segments and a brief summary at the end.
- The title lettering should be about 2” to 3” (5 cm to 7.5 cm) with subheadings 1/2” to 1” high (1.25 cm to 2.5 cm).
- All lettering should be legible from about 5 feet (1.5 m) away. Text material should be approximately 24 points (1/4”/.625 cm).
- Convert tabular material to a graphic display, if possible.
- Use color to add emphasis and clarity.
- Make illustrations simple and bold. Enlarge photos to show pertinent details clearly.
- Displayed materials should be self-explanatory, freeing you for discussion.
- Handouts of your abstract should be available for interested viewers.

Students, please consult with your research mentor for more specific guidance, as needed.