



# Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum

Live and online October 5–7, 2021

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

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The third annual Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum will take place in-person in Chicago, Illinois, USA and online from October 5–7, 2021. Attendees will discover the latest breakthroughs in plant protein science and technology, and gain insights from thought leaders in nutrition, edible applications, processing and manufacturing of plant-based foods.

### Why participate?

- Connect with colleagues from around the globe to explore the future of plant-based food systems.
- Learn the latest information on the analysis, nutrition and applications of plant proteins.
- Join live, interactive sessions either in-person or online.

This one-of-a-kind conference brings together leaders from all components of the food system — from production and processing to distribution and consumption. Make sure your voice is heard as we shape the future of the plant protein environment together.

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## ePoster Abstract Submission Process

Thank you for your interest in submitting quality and original research for presentation via an ePoster at the 2021 Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum! If accepted, your abstract will be published in an online supplement of the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society (JAOCS)* and displayed in the distinguished international venue of the 2021 Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum.

ePoster abstracts will be collected from April 5–July 5, 2021. Immediately thereafter, the Forum Organizing Committee will review all abstracts and select the premier submissions to be included in the Forum's inaugural ePoster session.

All ePoster abstract submissions whose presenting authors are full-time students are *automatically* entered into the Student ePoster Pitch Competition. See [page 7](#) for details.

AOCS welcomes and appreciates all who submit ePoster abstracts and looks forward to another successful Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum!

### Submission System

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All authors wishing to contribute papers to the Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum must submit an abstract for review by the Forum Organizing Committee via an online form: [https://fs10.formsite.com/AOCS/PPF\\_Posters/index.html](https://fs10.formsite.com/AOCS/PPF_Posters/index.html). Instructions for navigating the submission system begin on [page 4](#).

### Submission Deadline

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Abstracts will be collected from April 5–July 5, 2021. Abstracts received after July 5, 2021 will be placed on a waiting list and reviewed by the Organizing Committee only if time and space allows.

### Registration Requirements

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All presenters are required to register and pay the appropriate registration fees to present and attend the 2021 Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum. Registration will be available at <https://plantprotein.aocs.org/2021> beginning in June 2021. Registration rates for the full Forum will start at US \$99. AOCS does *not* reimburse presenters for registration fees or other expenses incurred during the Forum. Failure to register for the conference by September 6, 2021 will result in the automatic withdrawal of your abstract from the official conference program.

### Contact Information

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If you have questions about the 2021 Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum, please contact:  
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# Submission Guidelines

## General Guidelines

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- The data presented must be substantive. AOCS discourages the submission of incomplete research at the time of submission. Recent results may be added at the time of presenting; however, the results shown in the abstract must be substantive.
- Abstracts should address the following:
  1. Justification
  2. Objective
  3. Methods
  4. Results
  5. Significance of your research to the Forum audience
- Authors should not split data to create several abstracts from one study. If two or more abstracts on related topics with minimal information are submitted, priority of related abstracts will be reduced.
- Data must represent new findings obtained using the scientific approach.
- Findings should be stated in sufficient detail to support conclusions. Updated research related to a previous presentation needs to be indicated in the abstract.
- The abstract must cite quantitative data from representative experiments. Do not simply state that the results will be discussed.
- Abstracts submitted to the Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum that deal with commercial products or services must have a scientific emphasis and should *not* be submitted for promotion purposes.
- All abstracts must use correct grammar and punctuation. Proofread very carefully for formatting, spelling and grammar to avoid errors before submission. Abstracts will be published as submitted.
- Incomplete abstracts will not be reviewed.

## Permissions

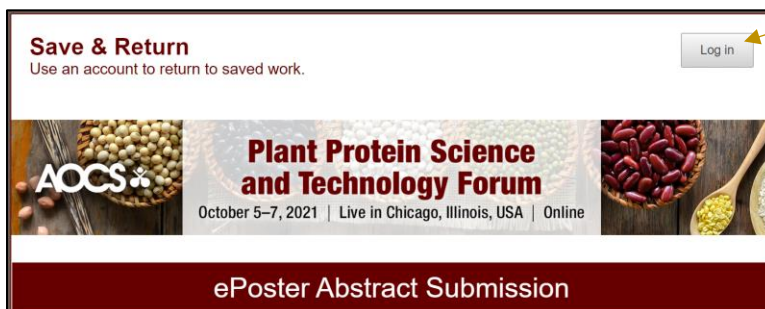
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All submitters must agree to the AOCS Presenter Agreement. A preview of the permissions required at the time of abstract submission can be found online (.pdf): <http://bit.ly/PresenterAgreement>.

## Submission Form User Guide

All authors wishing to present an ePoster at the 2021 Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum must submit an abstract for review by the Forum Organizing Committee via an online form. All submissions are due July 5, 2021.

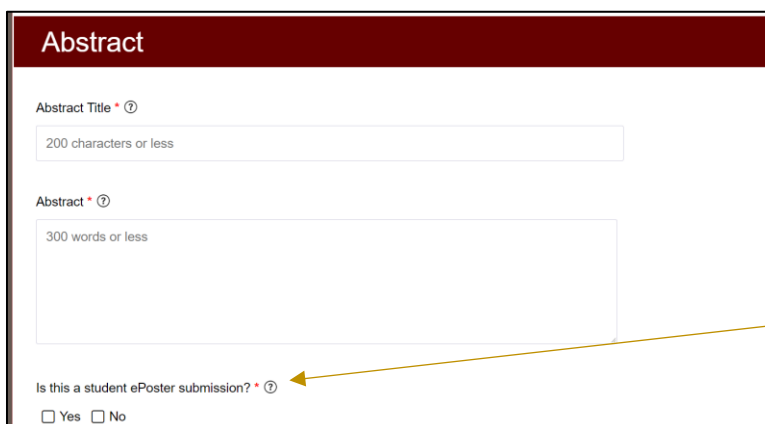
1. Visit [https://fs10.formsite.com/AOCS/PPF\\_Posters/index.html](https://fs10.formsite.com/AOCS/PPF_Posters/index.html).



The screenshot shows the top section of the submission form. It features a dark red header with the text "Save & Return" and "Use an account to return to saved work." A "Log In" button is located in the top right corner. Below this is a banner for the "Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum" with the dates "October 5-7, 2021" and the location "Live in Chicago, Illinois, USA | Online". The banner includes images of various plant products. At the bottom of the banner, it says "ePoster Abstract Submission".

**Optional:** create a Formsite account to save your progress!

2. Complete the "Abstract" section.



The screenshot shows the "Abstract" section of the form. It has a dark red header with the word "Abstract". Below the header, there are two text input fields. The first is labeled "Abstract Title" and has a character count of "200 characters or less". The second is labeled "Abstract" and has a word count of "300 words or less". At the bottom of the form, there is a question: "Is this a student ePoster submission?" with "Yes" and "No" radio button options.

Student abstracts are automatically entered into the Student ePoster Pitch Competition!

**Abstract Title:** Clearly identify the focus of the abstract in 200 characters or less. The title should be entered in sentence case. Capitalize only the first letter of the title, any proper nouns or acronyms, and the first word following a colon (:). Do not begin abstract titles with "The", "A", or "And" and do not end titles with a period (.).

**Abstract Body:** In 300 words or less, describe the type of information to be presented and why it is important to the Forum audience. This might include learning objectives or the challenge/opportunity that makes the presentation relevant. The description should generate the attendee's interest and encourage them to view the presentation to learn more.

Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations must be kept to a minimum and must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.

Abstracts and presentations within the Forum that deal with commercial products or services must have a scientific emphasis and should *not* be submitted for promotion purposes.

Carefully proofread and check your submission for accuracy; abstracts will be published as submitted.

**Student Submission:** Indicate if the presenting author is a full-time student. If so, the abstract will be *automatically* entered into the Student ePoster Pitch Competition. See competition details on [page 7](#).

3. Complete the “Presenting Author Information” section.

**Presenting Author Information**

First Name \* Middle Initial Last/Family Name \*

Professional Title(s) and Position(s) Department

Company / Institution / Organization \* Country \*

Email Address \* Phone

Please provide a brief biography.

Upload a speaker photo ⓘ

How many co-authors do you need to add to this submission? \* ⓘ

Indicate the number of co-authors that need to be added to the submission.

**Brief Biography:** Limit your biography to 200 words or less.

**Speaker Photo:** Upload a high resolution (300 dpi or 72 dpi with large pixel dimension) photo of the presenting author. When taking a photo with a digital camera/smartphone, set the resolution/quality to the highest setting and zoom in for a head and shoulders photo. By uploading this photo, you certify that you have the right to distribute the image and you release it for use on the program materials for the conference.

**Co-Authors:** Indicate the number of co-authors that need to be added to the submission. Up to 5 co-authors can be added on the form. If you need to add more authors, please contact Lauren Rohde at [lauren.rohde@aocs.org](mailto:lauren.rohde@aocs.org).

- If you indicated you have co-authors during step #3, the “Co-Author Information” section will appear. For each co-author, include full contact details. If you do not have any co-authors, proceed to step #5.

**Co-Author Information**

Co-Author #1

First Name & Middle Initial (if applicable) \*      Last/Family Name \*

Professional Title(s) and Position(s)      Department

100 characters max

Company / Institution / Organization \*      Country \*

Email Address \*      Phone

(XXX) XXX-XXXX

- Complete the “AOCS Presenter Agreement” section.

**AOCS Presenter Agreement**

I have read and accept the terms of the [AOCS Presenter Agreement](#).

Please indicate your agreement by typing in your full name below. \*

Click the link to read the agreement before signing electronically.

- Review your submission and click “Submit” when ready.

Click "Submit" below when finished. Thank you!

Submit

Save Progress

Not ready to submit? Create a Formsite account to save your progress. Return to the form and click “Submit” when ready. Submissions close July 5, 2021.

A copy of the completed submission will be emailed from [noreply@fs10.formsite.com](mailto:noreply@fs10.formsite.com) to the email address listed for the presenting author.

All abstracts submitted by July 5, 2021 will be sent for review. Decisions will be distributed by July 19, 2021.

# Student ePoster Pitch Competition

*Sponsored by the AOCS Foundation*

The AOCS community is a unique mix of professionals from industry, academia and government working in all areas of the fats and oils supply chain, from field to product. Supporting students in the plant protein science and technology fields has always been an important mission to AOCS.

The Student ePoster Pitch Competition was designed to give student researchers an opportunity to highlight their achievements, demonstrate their ability in scientific presentations, and receive important feedback and mentoring from industry leaders.

All ePoster abstract submissions whose presenting authors meet the criteria listed below are *automatically* entered into the Student ePoster Pitch Competition.

Up to five finalists from the pool of accepted ePoster abstracts will be selected to give an *additional* 5-minute oral presentation during the Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum. At the conclusion of the oral competition session, the viewing audience will be encouraged to vote for their favorite pitch!

All accepted abstracts, ePosters (single-page PDF with static text and images), and oral presentations will be available to all Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum attendees. The abstracts and oral presentations may also be made available to the general public on the AOCS website(s).

## Eligibility

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The competition is open to individuals who are full-time students at the time of submission for work recently performed while enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degree program.

All presenters – including those participating in the Student ePoster Pitch Competition – are required to register and pay the appropriate registration fees to attend the Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum. Registration will be available at <https://plantprotein.aocs.org/2021> beginning in June 2021. Registration rates for the full Forum will start at US \$99. AOCS does *not* reimburse presenters for registration fees or other expenses incurred during the Forum. Failure to register for the conference by September 6, 2021 will result in the automatic withdrawal of participation from the Student ePoster Pitch Competition.

## Judging Panels & Criteria

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The Forum Organizing Committee will hand-select the judging panel for their competition. The judging panel will utilize the following criteria to select finalists and competition winners:

- Scientific quality
  - Rationale, hypothesis, justification
  - Relevance, pertinence, impact
  - Materials and methods
  - Results and interpretation
  - Conclusions
- Presentation and engagement
  - Clarity of presentation
  - Graphic/visual quality
  - Enthusiasm for the research
  - Audience engagement
  - Results of live audience voting

## Awards

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First place winner receives:

- US \$300 cash prize
- recognition certificate
- 2022 AOCS student membership
- Recognition in the AOCS Newsletter

Second place winner receives:

- US \$200 cash prize
- recognition certificate

## Key Dates

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April 5, 2021	ePoster abstract collection site opens
July 5, 2021	deadline for ePoster abstract submissions
July 16, 2021	ePoster uploads begin
July 23, 2021	deadline to upload ePoster presentations
August 2, 2021	competition finalists announced
September 6, 2021	deadline for conference registration
October 5–7, 2021	live oral presentations by finalists

## Competition Format

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The competition is broken down into three stages.

### Stage 1: Submission

Participants submit a poster abstract *and* single-page PDF ePoster. The deadline for abstract submission is July 5, 2021. ePoster uploads will occur between July 16 and July 23, 2021.

### Stage 2: Selection of finalists

The week of July 26, the judging panel will review all submitted abstracts and ePosters. Using the “Scientific quality” selection criteria noted above, each judging panel will identify a maximum of five finalists.

Finalists will be announced on August 2, 2021.

### Stage 3: Oral presentations by finalists

Each finalist will present a 5-minute live oral presentation during the 2021 Plant Protein Science and Technology Forum in October 2021. A question-and-answer period will follow each presentation.

Using the “Scientific quality” and “Presentation and engagement” judging criteria noted above, the judging panel will identify a first and second place winner.

## Getting Started

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[https://fs10.formsite.com/AOCS/PPF\\_Posters/index.html](https://fs10.formsite.com/AOCS/PPF_Posters/index.html). Instructions for navigating the submission system begin on [page 4](#).

During the abstract submission process, be sure to answer “Yes” to the question, “Is this a student ePoster submission?”



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