



2025 Undergraduate Research Conference Presentation Lineup

Morning Session I: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Panel #	Panel Name	Location	Moderator	Student Presenters
1	Social Behavior and Stress in Animals	Faculty Club - Conference Room 1-3	Christina Acosta	Ruby Munoz Yazmin Ortega Kayanne Tran & Breanna Fraire
2	Advances in Plant Research	Faculty Club - Conference Room 4-5	Ms. Jennifer Reiswig	Tyler Bashor Sarah Huynh Bianca Lopez
3	Student Experiences and Success	Faculty Club - Seuss Library	Dr. Libby Butler	Ginger Smith Shivani Sharma Avery Charneski Autumn Pedranti
4	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	Faculty Club - Atkinson Pavillion	Sam Landry	Nishant Sharma Ruman Das Pooja Parthasarathy Elijah Khalil Rosales
5	College Affordability and Student Success	Faculty Club - Cecil's Lounge	Dr. Nancy Binkin	Michelle Griffith & Jessica Jatiram McKayla Dasha Sarmiento & Jackie Aviles & Derrick Cha Melissa Lupian & Leanne Liaw & Melanie Gallegos
6	Drug Discovery	Peterson 102	Mr. Hector Chavez	Brina Nguyen Nehme Lahoud Connie Tran & Dyllan Mead
7	Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology	Peterson 103	Dr. Chengbiao Wu	Sophia Trujillo Andrea Melendez Moumen Gabir Katelyn Rode
8	Cancer Research and Treatment	Peterson 104	Dr. Isabella Maita	Lan Gao Margaret Jones Omar Mokhashi & Nomy Xin
9	Language and Brain Function	Solis 109	Professor Seana Coulson	Nathen Lee Jorge Ramos Sam Roxas Ian Zane
10	Social Interactions and Anxiety	Solis 110	Dr. Amy Bintliff	Sanjana Paul Olimpia Carrioli Amy Nguyen & Danielle Wiedefeld
11	Cognitive Aging, Neuroplasticity, and Speech Processing	Solis 111	Dr. Diane Jacobs	Nathalie Gider Leena Kang Kate Ruiz Doanh Nguyen

12	Machine Learning in Biological Studies	Cog Sci Building 004	Dr. Karcher Morris	Ifunanya Okoroma Yang Han Yifei Ding & Sivagunalan Thamilarasan & Varsha Mani
13	Computer and Data Sciences	Cog Sci Building 005	Mr. Afraz Hameed	Katelyn Wong Eamon Lee Almog Bar-Yossef Milo Nguyen

Morning Session II: 10:45 – 11:45 AM

Panel #	Panel Name	Location	Moderator	Student Presenters
14	Identity, Culture, and Belonging	Faculty Club - Conference Room 1-3	Christina Acosta	Megan Hsu Suqi Jiang Sophia Bell Caroline Terry
15	Social Impact and Community Engagement	Faculty Club - Conference Room 4-5	Dr. Amy Bintliff	Cameron Manard Andrea Balcan Cara Chan Zoe Decatur
16	Human Thought and Action	Faculty Club - Seuss Library	Dr. Libby Butler	Amy Park Deborah Hughes Amy Nguyen Jessica Saucedo
17	Cell Biology and Biochemistry	Faculty Club - Atkinson Pavillion	Sam Landry	Rebecca Tseng Julianna Vega Perez Meghana Krishnan
18	Student Well-being and Financial Security	Faculty Club - Cecil's Lounge	Dr. Nancy Binkin	Andrea Mota Jiawei Yao & Shiv Puliady & Sarah Plummer Karla Garcia & Mark Lee
19	Microbiome Research and Immunology	Peterson 102	Mr. Hector Chavez	Leilani Rivera Nitya Yerabandi Julie Tran & Arlene Grace Nagtalon
20	Arthritis Research	Peterson 103	Dr. Chengbiao Wu	Michaela Goodman Madison Wong Louie Zhao Saeed Jadhav
21	Genetics and Genomics	Peterson 104	Dr. Isabella Maita	Saloni Dangre Davi Salles Leite Alessandro Cirulli Nhi Tran
22	Developmental Psychology and Cognitive Science	Solis 109	Professor Seana Coulson	Naomi Esparza Matthew Young John Schwarz-torres

23	Veterans' Health and Cognitive Function	Solis 110	Dr. Diane Jacobs	Cynthia Deng Amelia Orgill Kelsey Schilling Kathy BA Nguyen
24	Soft Robotics and Haptics	Solis 111	Dr. Karcher Morris	Gio Torres Emily Huang Nina Sediki & Kaitlyn Lavarias & Hannah Lim
25	Materials Sciences	Cog Sci Building 004	Dr. Katya Evdokimenko	Colin Stengle Amy Nguyen Gabriella Ching & Elysa Loraine Lebig & Griffin Hurst
26	Computer Science and Engineering	Cog Sci Building 005	Mr. Afraz Hameed	Venkataram Sivaram Eagan Kaminetz Serena Chen & Molly MacLaren

Afternoon Session I: 1:00 – 2:00 PM				
Panel #	Panel Name	Location	Moderator	Student Presenters
27	Language, Culture, and Identity	Faculty Club - Conference Room 1-3	Christina Acosta	Jewel Fulmore Ananya Giri Tairan Liu Ber Al Jaibaji
28	People, Places, and Social Systems	Faculty Club - Conference Room 4-5	Shawn Khalifa	Charlie Luthi Rain Lins Jarvis Tran Natalee Chin
29	Culture Across Border Lines	Faculty Club - Seuss Library	Dr. Andrew deWaard	Elizabeth Ju Mak Gonzales Grace Gomez Gabriel Soberón Nelson
30	Life Stories	Faculty Club - Atkinson Pavillion	Professor Dino Dinco	Sophie Zhang Lauren Taylor Grace Smith Amanda Salatino
31	Social-Emotional Learning and Intervention	Faculty Club - Cecil's Lounge	Dr. Amy Bintliff	Ray Yin Itzel Gonzalez Velazquez Ainsley Gibson Carolina Zarate Calleros
32	Pregnancy and Developmental Biology Research	Peterson 102	Mr. Hector Chavez	Vivian Chen Irum Hasan Robert Nasanbat
33	Sensory Perception and Processing	Peterson 103	Brendan Prendergast	Kabir Arora Zach Weiner David Ngan

34	Cardiac Cell Biology and Development	Peterson 104	Max Neal	Thu Nguyen Ethan Lu Angela Wang Matthew Nunes
35	Topics in Physics	Solis 109	Prof Adam Burgasser	Ashley Thorshov Leo Megliola Connor Stratman Momei Fang
36	Understanding Alzheimer's Disease	Solis 110	Dr Catherine Tallman	Amber Lawrence Nicole Castro Alanna Sun & Elizabeth Kim
37	Neuroscience and Addiction Research	Solis 111	Dr. Justin Trotter	Daria Kouzminova Julie Qian Kathleen Bai
38	Materials Sciences and Engineering	Cog Sci Building 004	Dr. Katya Evdokimenko	Parth Jha Marshall Hamon Jason Chang Marcus Velasquez

Afternoon Session II: 2:15 – 3:15 PM

Panel #	Panel Name	Location	Moderator	Student Presenters
39	Language and Heritage	Faculty Club - Conference Room 1-3	Christina Acosta	Alexis Truman Erik Glesne Calvin Chen Tylar F. Kameda
40	Politics of Identity and Social Justice	Faculty Club - Conference Room 4-5	Shawn Khalifa	Kira Ruffner Nargiz Salmanova Alyssa Lim Bella Ely
41	Culture, Identity, and Feminism	Faculty Club - Seuss Library	Professor Christine Hunefeldt	Sinatra De Quiroz Sierra Pohl Daisy Zhang
42	Moving Images	Faculty Club - Atkinson Pavillion	Alain J. Cohen	Emily Yurkevich Mia Elliott Devin Esser Hannah Drake
43	Children's Learning and Development	Faculty Club - Cecil's Lounge	Dr. Libby Butler	Jayne Quezada-Mares Shanthi Kuppaa Abby DeSpain Ray Yin
44	Muscle Biology and Regeneration	Peterson 102	Dr. Gail Heyman	Sophia Jaber Vivar Juliette Hamid Katharine Sohn & Andrew Dallape
45	Environmental Microbiology and Ecology	Peterson 103	Brendan Prendergast	Michael Janelle Jonathan McGurrian Megan O'Brien Riki Kataoka

46	Chronic Pain and Neuropathy	Peterson 104	Max Neal	Risha Sharma Daniella Bandari Sebastian Gastelum & Nathaniel Linstrom
47	Robotics Controls and Control Theory	Solis 109	Prof Adam Burgasser	Fnu Anu Matthew Kim Stephen Huang
48	Neural Networks and Cognitive Science	Solis 110	Dr Catherine Tallman	Borngreat Omoma-Edosa Manu Bhat Henry Xu Connie Xie
49	Neurodegenerative Disease Mechanisms	Solis 111	Dr. Justin Trotter	Zayne Yousef Celeste Morales Reagan Hsu & Suravi Bajaj
50	Innovations in Science and Engineering	Cog Sci Building 004	Dr. Boyu Meng	Kenneth Visk Angel Gomez Julia Lee

Afternoon Session III: 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Panel #	Panel Name	Location	Moderator	Student Presenters
51	Entomology and Bee Biology	Faculty Club - Conference Room 1-3	Christina Acosta	Kris Price Gabriela Marcial Alex Beltran
52	Social Justice, Policy, and Human Rights	Faculty Club - Conference Room 4-5	Shawn Khalifa	Emma Starkey Amber Fig Jair Huerta & Sofia Morales Jin Johnson
53	Economics, Policy, and Social Behavior	Faculty Club - Seuss Library	Professor Christine Hunefeldt	Erlinda Fuentecilla Anica Xie Minh Tuan Nguyen Simon Roberts
54	Cancer Biology and Metastasis	Faculty Club - Atkinson Pavillion	Max Neal	Arya Lalezarzadeh Sophia Xie Hodaya Knafo Margaret Jones
55	Opening the Classroom	Faculty Club - Cecil's Lounge	Dr. Libby Butler	Seema Rida Sarah Segall Laura Avila & Yolanda Feng
56	Neonatal Health and Development	Peterson 102	Dr. Sheri Thompson	Brandon Saiki Cadence Seymour Darleen Salameh & Kamryn Conway
57	Neurodevelopment and Mental Health	Peterson 103	Brendan Prendergast	Josh Lyman Ashley Becker Alana Tamayo

58	Animal Communication and Social Pain	Peterson 104	Dr. Justin Trotter	Nathaniel Nono Sophie Neale Alina Siddiqui & Marissa Todesco
59	Audio Signal Processing and Data Science	Solis 109	Prof Adam Burgasser	Jose Enrique Siono Gutierrez Pranav Singh Alisha Foster
60	Memory and Learning	Solis 110	Dr Catherine Tallman	Emma Kandel Philip Li Jasmin Rosato Manjot Kaur
61	Neural Mechanisms of Cognition and Behavior	Solis 111	Dr Marsida Kallupi	Naseem Moussa Yifan Lou Ruby Tseng Bri Newton
62	Medical Applications of Computer and Data Science	Cog Sci Building 004	Dr. Boyu Meng	Praharshitha Thumati Ricardo Amador Carter Tran & Emily Xie