



ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND THINGS TO REMEMBER: [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- The submission instructions must be followed. Please carefully proofread your submission for accuracy, including names, and email addresses.
- If your abstract is accepted for presentation, the material you submit will be distributed in Conference Schedules and Proceedings.
- EMAIL ADDRESSES: Use exactly the same email address for individuals throughout the CRWAD submission and registration system.
- The official language of CRWAD is English; use American English standards for spelling and punctuation. No other language will be allowed.
- All accepted abstracts must be presented onsite in Chicago.
- If you must secure a Visa to attend CRWAD 2026, you are strongly encouraged to meet the first abstract submission deadline (August 1, 2025) to maximize the time available to obtain required travel documents.

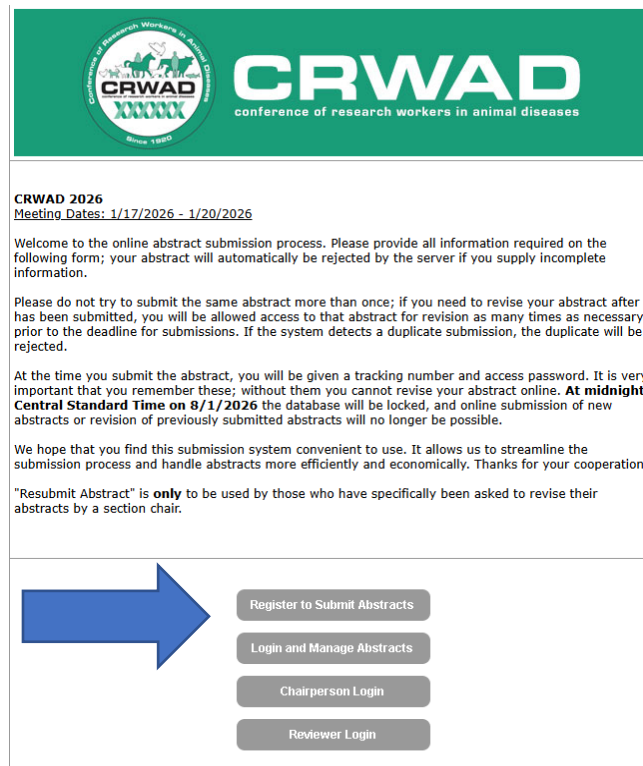
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING AND PRESENTING ABSTRACTS AT CRWAD:

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- By submitting an abstract, the presenter and all authors agree to the following terms and conditions for attendance and participation at CRWAD:
 - Authors must adhere to all requirements and guidelines for formatting CRWAD abstracts.
 - Promptly respond to all communication from CRWAD organizers.
 - Meet all requirements for uploading PPT presentations prior to CRWAD 2026.
 - Presenters agree to participate in the Conference as scheduled if abstracts are accepted. Presentations might be scheduled at any day/time of the conference. **No scheduling preferences or change requests will be considered.** If you are not available to make this presentation as scheduled, you must secure another person to present the abstract as scheduled.
 - Promptly communicate with CRWAD organizers if any question or difficulty arises about the ability to present abstracts as scheduled.
 - Oral presenters must register for the Conference by November 10th.
 - Poster presenters must register for the Conference by December 15th.
 - Presenters are responsible for all expenses associated with creating and delivering your presentation at CRWAD, including securing travel arrangements, required travel Visas.
 - All presenters agree to review and abide by the [Conference Code of Conduct](#).
- **Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in CRWAD organizers withdrawing abstracts for the current year and potentially embargoing authors from presenting in future years.**

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- Please first log into the CRWAD [Abstract Submission Site](#). You will need to follow the instructions to create a new login if this is your first 2026 abstract submission. You will choose the option to “Register to Submit Abstracts”



The image shows the CRWAD 2026 submission instructions page. At the top is the CRWAD logo with the text "conference of research workers in animal diseases". Below the logo, the text reads: "CRWAD 2026 Meeting Dates: 1/17/2026 - 1/20/2026". A welcome message follows: "Welcome to the online abstract submission process. Please provide all information required on the following form; your abstract will automatically be rejected by the server if you supply incomplete information." A paragraph states: "Please do not try to submit the same abstract more than once; if you need to revise your abstract after it has been submitted, you will be allowed access to that abstract for revision as many times as necessary prior to the deadline for submissions. If the system detects a duplicate submission, the duplicate will be rejected." Another paragraph says: "At the time you submit the abstract, you will be given a tracking number and access password. It is very important that you remember these; without them you cannot revise your abstract online. **At midnight, Central Standard Time on 8/1/2026** the database will be locked, and online submission of new abstracts or revision of previously submitted abstracts will no longer be possible." A final paragraph mentions: "We hope that you find this submission system convenient to use. It allows us to streamline the submission process and handle abstracts more efficiently and economically. Thanks for your cooperation." A note at the bottom states: "Resubmit Abstract" is only to be used by those who have specifically been asked to revise their abstracts by a section chair. At the bottom of the page, a large blue arrow points to four buttons: "Register to Submit Abstracts", "Login and Manage Abstracts", "Chairperson Login", and "Reviewer Login".

Once registered and logged in, choose “Submit New Abstract”.



The image shows the CRWAD 2026 user interface. At the top is the CRWAD logo with the text "conference of research workers in animal diseases". Below the logo, the text reads: "LOGGED IN AS SYSTEM MANAGER" and "Return to users list". A navigation bar contains three buttons: "logoff", "manage information", and "abstract submission". Below the navigation bar, the text reads: "Meeting Dates: Saturday, January 17, 2026 - Tuesday, January 20, 2026". A section titled "YOUR ABSTRACTS" contains the text: "Here are your current submissions to the CRWAD 2026". Below this text is a table with the following columns: "TRACKING #", "ABSTRACT #", "TITLE", "SUBMIT DATE", "STATUS", and "MANAGE". The table contains one row with the text: "You have not submitted any abstracts". At the bottom of the page, a large blue arrow points to two buttons: "Submit New Abstract" and "Logout of Abstract Manager". Below the buttons is a section titled "MANAGE YOUR INFORMATION".

- You will next be asked to enter the institutions and authors for your abstract. Please fill out this information carefully and completely, following the instructions on the page and below.

AUTHOR / INSTITUTION INFORMATION [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- **Institutions**
 - Please enter the institutions for all authors.
 - Each institution should only be listed once, even if more than one author has the same institution.
 - You will match institutions to authors in the authors section below.
 - Adhere to formatting instructions when entering affiliations.
 - ◇ Only 2 levels of author affiliation are allowed (e.g., Department, Institution).
 - ◇ Capitalize only the first letter of each place name.
 - ◇ Do not use abbreviations or acronyms that will be unfamiliar to most readers. Abbreviations such as USDA are acceptable as these are widely recognized. Abbreviations such as UMN or TAMU are not widely recognized and should be avoided.
 - ◇ EXAMPLE: *"Dept. of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology, Colorado State University"*.
- **Authors:**
 - Authors should be listed in the order they should appear in the abstract.
 - The institution numbers in the drop-down boxes located in the first and second institution columns should be selected to match the appropriate number of the institution for that author entered above.
 - Provide ONLY the initials for given name(s) (i.e., first and middle names).
 - Provide the full Last Name and Email for ALL authors.
 - ◇ Do not use all capital letters.
- A single author must be designated as the Presenter, and can be listed in any position in the list of authors.

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PREFERRED PRESENTATION FORMAT (ORAL vs. POSTER): [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- Your preference will be considered, but the organizers determine the final assignment of presentation format and scheduling.
- One presenter may only submit up to two abstracts for consideration as oral presentations. There is no limit for the number of abstracts as co-author (i.e., non-presenter) or poster presentations.
- Only abstracts describing completed work with distinct results and conclusions will be considered for oral presentations.
- If there is any uncertainty about the ability of a presenter to be onsite in Chicago during the Conference, please choose Poster.

SECTION PREFERENCE: [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- Please choose from either Featured Speaker, General Abstract, or 3MT.
 - *Featured speakers are reserved for the abstracts of keynote or invited symposia speakers.*

RESEARCH SPONSORSHIP: [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- Enter sponsorship acknowledgments exactly as you want them printed in the proceedings (500 characters maximum).
- STUDENTS - please ensure that you have checked with your project's Principal Investigator about this statement's accuracy before submitting your abstract.

USDA PROJECT DIRECTOR REQUIREMENT: [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- If this presentation is being made to fulfill requirements for a Project Director of USDA-NIFA-funded research, indicate the award number. This information is shared with USDA-NIFA. Contact the PI or research sponsor if you are unsure.

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- Select the theme, species, and disease (if relevant) that best describe/match the focus of this abstract. [Check the table](#) at the end of this document for the different options available.

U.S. VISA REQUIRED: [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- Indicate if the presenter will require a visitor's Visa or other travel permit to make this presentation in Chicago. It is the responsibility of speakers to secure travel documents required for attending CRWAD.

STUDENT & POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER AWARDS (OPTIONAL): [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

- Please review the requirements and eligibility for research competitions at <https://crwad.org/student/>.
- Please review the website for the awards that require additional materials to be submitted. Those materials can be attached to your abstract in the abstract submission portal after the body of the abstract is submitted.

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Abstract Tracking Number: 96156

Add Documents To Your Abstract

The deadline for uploading documents is 8/1/2026. If you do not want to upload documents now, click the "PROCEED TO NEXT PAGE WITHOUT UPLOADING" button at the bottom of the page.

Papers must be submitted as either Adobe PDF, Post Script, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, or Plain Text **SUBMITTING ANY DOCUMENTS THAT DO NOT HAVE .pptx, .ppt, .pdf, .doc, OR .zip AS A FILE EXTENSION WILL GENERATE AN ERROR.** You may submit up to 4 documents to ensure your paper is published correctly. During the upload process your files will be renamed in order to organize them by tracking # and file type. If you attempt to load 2 documents of the same file type, the first one will be overwritten by the second one. The same goes if you already have that file type loaded for your paper (ie: You've already submitted a word document of your paper, and are attempting to upload another word document). The newer document will overwrite the older one. Unless you are overwriting previous document(s), once your document(s) appears in the table at the bottom of this page, they have been uploaded successfully. If you have any technical difficulties using this form, please email web@assochn.org.

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UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

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- Students can submit more than one abstract for presentation at CRWAD, but only one abstract can be entered into one research competition per person.

- Students entering these competitions may also submit entries for the [CRWAD 3MT® Competition](#) through the [CRWAD Abstract System](#).

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Please note: Abstracts not conforming to the formatting requirements will be returned to the authors before being considered for acceptance.

- **Abstract Title:** [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)
 - Titles should be succinct, informative, and accurately reflect the content of your poster or oral presentation.
 - ◇ EXAMPLE: “Detecting multiple *Clostridium perfringens* toxin types from a single clinical specimen using multiplex qPCR”
 - *Title text should use sentence case, capitalizing only the first word, proper nouns and abbreviations.*
 - Do not capitalize entire words unless they are accepted abbreviations.
 - ◇ EXAMPLE: It is acceptable to capitalize the abbreviation for DNA.
 - ◇ EXAMPLE: Do not capitalize the word PROTEIN.
 - Use standard convention for capitalization of taxonomic names.
 - ◇ EXAMPLE: “*Salmonella enterica*”
 - Do not use quotation marks in the title.
 - Do not add a period or space after the last word in the title.
- **Abstract Body:** [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)
 - *CRWAD no longer requires a structured abstract*
 - Please include a concise, unstructured abstract that summarizes the main purpose, key findings, relevant methods, conclusions, and future directions. The abstract should be self-contained. When data is analyzed, a description of the statistical methods used is required.
 - The abstract body is limited to 2500 characters, including spaces.
 - Special formatting is permitted in the Abstract Body, including italics, bold, special characters, superscripts, and subscripts.
 - *If you are pasting the text from a word processor, confirm that any symbols used are displayed properly.*
 - Follow the capitalization rules previously listed for abstract titles above.
 - Use capitalization and italics according to standard conventions for taxonomic names.
- **Keywords:** [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)
 - You will be able to add up to six keywords per abstract.
 - A comma (,) should separate keywords.

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- See “STUDENT & POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER AWARDS)” above.
- If the award you intend to enter requires the submission of additional documents, these must be attached here.
- If you don’t have any documents you need to upload, select “Proceed to next page without uploading.”

TOPIC AREA OPTIONS: [\[back to content navigation links\]](#)

You will be asked to select the 1 theme, the species, and, if relevant, the disease that best describe the content of the abstract. Below are the options provided:

THEME (Select 1)
"Omics"
Antimicrobial Use
Aquaculture
Artificial Intelligence
Bacteriology
Biosecurity and infection control
Diagnostic testing
Disease Pathogenesis
Economics & policy
Epidemiology
General health and physiology
Immunology
Microbiome
One health/public health
Parasitology
Pharmacology/toxicology
Preventive medicine
Statistical Methods & Mathematical Modeling
Vaccinology
Virology
Other

SPECIES (Select 1)
aquaculture species
bees/other insects/arachnids
bison
bovine - beef
bovine - dairy
camelids
canine
cell lines/tissue culture
equine
exotic pets
feline
humans
lab animal
poultry/avian
small ruminants
swine
water buffalo
wildlife
zoo animals

DISEASE if applicable (optional)
African Swine Fever
Bovine Respiratory Disease
brucellosis
coronaviruses (other than COVID)
Foot and Mouth Disease
fungal diseases
influenza
Johne’s disease
mastitis
mycobacterium
mycoplasma
pathogenic <i>E. coli</i>
PRRS
salmonella
SARS-CoV-2 (COVID)
streptococcus
tick-borne diseases

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There are a limited number of spots available for oral presentations and posters.

- Abstracts must meet all formatting requirements, or they will not be considered for presentation at CRWAD.
- If there is any uncertainty about the presenter's ability to attend CRWAD, e.g., because of the need to secure a Visa or potential scheduling conflicts, you are strongly encouraged to submit your abstract for presentation as a poster. There are far fewer problems if you have to withdraw a poster presentation than if you are unable to present an oral presentation.
- Abstracts will be withdrawn from the schedule and abstract book if presenters do not adhere to requirements for formatting, revisions, and submission of required materials.

The content of abstracts will be evaluated considering the following criteria (all aspects are not required, *per se*, but these factors will be considered):

- Originality of idea and demonstrated innovation.
- Degree of practical knowledge transferability or practical implications: Abstract demonstrates a high degree of applicability to research, practice, animal production, or policy.
- Evidence and objectivity: The abstract builds on the existing knowledge base, is based on sound methodology, and/or has a clear evaluation component. Results can be generalized to a range of populations.
- Clarity and cohesiveness: The abstract reflects a sound argument and logical flow. It thoroughly explains the study's elements, outcomes, and importance. Key messages are clearly articulated. Information is clearly presented in a style appropriate for a broad audience. The abstract is free of spelling and grammatical errors.