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## 2026 Borns Symposium - Date; Deadlines; Guidelines - IMPORTANT

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Dear colleagues,

The Harold W. Borns, Jr. Symposium is an annual event that features presentations and discussion by Climate Change Institute graduate students and faculty on emerging research and topics related to global climatic and environmental change.

The 33rd Annual Harold W. Borns, Jr. Symposium will be held on April 15-16, 2026 at the Harold W. Borns, Jr. Polar Facility, Room 300 Bryand Global Sciences Center, University of Maine.

**IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CCI GRADUATE STUDENTS TO SUBMIT A MINI PAPER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE BORNS SYMPOSIUM. FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A POSTER RATHER THAN A 10-MINUTE PRESENTATION. ALL OTHER CCI STUDENTS MUST PRESENT A 10-MINUTE TALK. ALL CCI STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT A MINI-PAPER. Mini-paper must be submitted by March 13th, 2026**

**FACULTY ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT A POSTER OR MAKE A 2- OR 10-MINUTE PRESENTATION (see below for guidelines). FACULTY MUST SUBMIT A MINI-PAPER IF THEY ARE PRESENTING.**

Watch for additional information regarding the Churchill Award for Outstanding Exploration and the Sturgis Award for Outstanding Exploration.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We will send a new message when submission guidelines and presentation formats have been posted on the CCI website at: (<https://climatechange.umaine.edu/graduate-program/borns-symposium/>).

**The deadline for mini-paper submission for all categories is: March 13, 2026. Late submissions will not be considered.**

Mini-paper submissions should be sent in both word & pdf format via email to Becky Addessi ([Rebecca.Addessi@maine.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Addessi@maine.edu)). Mini-papers must be submitted for all presentations and graduate student posters.

Three presentation options are available:

1. Oral Presentation (10 minutes + 2 minutes for questions) (Graduate Students and Faculty with new research). **All CCI graduate students, beyond the first year, are required to present in this mode.**
2. Poster Presentation (Undergrads, **First Year Grad Students(required)** & Faculty).
3. Oral Research Update (Faculty only) (2 minutes, 1-2 slides). This presentation format was introduced to encourage short presentations regarding new research activities, a significant result or update related to an ongoing project (discussed at a previous symposium), or discussion of a research project where the investigator is seeking to broaden participation by CCI researchers.

If you have questions about process or deadlines, please contact Dan Sandweiss <[dan.sandweiss@maine.edu](mailto:dan.sandweiss@maine.edu)> with a copy to Betty Lee <[bliqcs@maine.edu](mailto:bliqcs@maine.edu)>.

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