

The Research and Scholarship Council (RSC) is excited to announce that we will be hosting the 2026 Research and Scholarship Week to highlight the various forms of research and scholarship being conducted across the campus. We will host various events starting on Monday, April 27, 2026, and running through Friday, May 1, 2026. The events will take place in St. Francis Hall throughout the week. All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to submit an abstract to present their research and scholarship activities. Both poster presentations and podium presentations will occur. Both individual and group presentations will be accepted. The following events will happen during the week:

- Monday, April 27, 2026 – School of Nursing Showcase; Poster presentations will take place at 10:00 am and at 1:00 pm in the Atrium.
- Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – School of Arts and Sciences Showcase; Poster presentations will take place starting at 12:00 pm in the Atrium.
- Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – Liberal Arts/Humanities Showcase; The podium presentations will take place in the morning in the Board Room between 8 am and 12 pm. The specific time will be determined based on the number of presenters. It is reserved for those students, faculty, staff, and alumni from humanities/liberal arts disciplines.
- Thursday, April 30, 2026 – School of Health Professions Showcase; Poster presentations will take place starting at 12:00 pm in the Atrium.
- Friday, May 1, 2026 – Doctoral Research Showcase, Poster presentations will take place starting at 2 pm in the Atrium. This showcase is reserved for students and alumni of the DNP and DPT programs.
- Friday, May 1, 2026 – Faculty Showcase; This event is reserved for faculty and staff only. Podium and poster presentations will be presented. It will take place on the first floor of St. Francis Hall starting at 4:15 pm.

Because the week will feature scholarship from a variety of disciplines, we encourage submissions of various types of scholarly work, not just research. Examples could include, but are not limited to, evidence-based practice, quality improvement projects, demonstrations of teaching innovations, literature reviews, works of creative writing, personal reflections on community service, and community-engaged scholarship. Submissions may be individual, group work, or interprofessional collaborations. Student submissions for poster and podium presentations **must have a faculty advisor** who will approve the abstract and final poster or podium presentation. Faculty advisor names **must be included on student posters** as one of the authors. Faculty presenting posters should present during the Faculty Showcase. The other poster showcases are designed to highlight student projects. **Only one abstract submission is required for each poster and podium presentation.** Please do not submit multiple abstracts for the same presentation. For more details about each event, see the R and S Week Event Details attachment. FranU students, faculty, staff, and alumni who wish to have their projects considered for acceptance must submit an abstract of no more than 300 words using the link below. All abstracts are due on **Friday, April 10, 2026, by midnight**. Presenters will be notified if their abstract is accepted on Monday, April 13, 2026. Use the link below to submit your abstract.
[2026 Research and Scholarship Week Abstract Submission Form – Fill out form](#)

The RSC will coordinate the printing of posters and will cover the costs of printing. A PDF version of the poster, along with a final version of your abstract (as a Word document), must be

submitted to the RSC by **midnight Monday, April 20, 2026**. All presenters (poster and podium) must submit a final version of their abstract. Posters will be available at each showcase. Presenters will need to arrive before the start of the showcase to hang them up. All posters must be removed following the conclusion of each showcase. If a presenter is unable to attend the showcase, please contact the RSC, and we will assist in hanging your poster and removing it for you. Information regarding the final abstract and poster submission will be sent with the acceptance email. Important dates and details are below.

Important Dates:

- Friday, April 10: Abstracts are due
- Monday, April 13: Notification of acceptance via email
- Monday, April 20: Final abstracts for all presenters (Word document) and all posters (PDF document) are due.
- Monday, April 27: Presenters for the Schooling of Nursing Showcase should arrive prior to their presentation time to hang up their posters. Undergraduate nursing will present at 10:00 am. Family Nurse Practitioner students will present at 1:00 pm.
- Tuesday, April 28: Presenters for the School of Arts and Sciences Showcase should arrive at the Atrium prior to 12:00 pm to hang up their posters.
- Wednesday, April 29: The Liberal Arts/Humanities Showcase will take place in the morning in the Board Room. The specific schedule will be finalized once the number of presenters is known.
- Thursday, April 30: Presenters for the School of Health Professions Showcase should arrive at the Atrium prior to 12:00 pm to hang up their posters.
- Friday, May 2: Presenters for the Doctoral Showcase should arrive at the Atrium prior to 2 pm to hang up their posters.
- Friday, May 2: Presenters for the Faculty Showcase should arrive at the Atrium prior to 4:15 pm to hang up their posters. Podium presentations will begin at 4:15 pm and the poster session will follow.

Poster Information:

- FranU templates can be found on myPortal in the Student Brand Hub:
<https://ololc.sharepoint.com/sites/StudentBrandHub2/SitePages/Poster-Presentation-Templates.aspx>.
- Alumni can use a FranU poster template or a template from your current organization. You must follow the size guidelines (48" x 36"). If you would like to use a FranU poster template, please contact the RSC and they will be provided to you.
- Poster size must be 48" x 36". The templates are already formatted for this size.
- Create the poster in PowerPoint formatted to the correct size (48" x 36").
- Once completed convert the PowerPoint into a PDF file before uploading. After converting to a PDF, please verify that the size is correct. Click on Menu and select Document Properties to verify the size remains 48" x 36".
- **Student posters must include their faculty advisor as an author.**