ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- ❑ **ADD US TO YOUR CONTACTS** Add xula@the1jg.com to your contacts. All correspondence pertaining to your abstract will come from this email.
- ❑ **REGISTER** **Register online to attend the XULA 2027 Conference!** You can pay by Credit Card or Institution/Business Check (no personal checks accepted).

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- ❑ **SECURE LODGING FOR CONFERENCE** Make your reservation by **Tuesday, March 23, 2027** to take advantage of this event's special rates.

  Important Note: The only hotels that are officially approved for the **XULA 2027** are listed on this website. We strongly recommend that attendees avoid booking accommodations through third-party websites or platforms. **XULA 2027** is not affiliated with any external booking services, and using these services will be at your own risk.

  If you make a reservation through unauthorized channels, it may not be guaranteed. This means that your booking could be at risk, and you might not have a place to stay. Additionally, **XULA 2027** will not be responsible for any issues related to accommodations booked through third parties. To ensure a smooth experience, please book only through the links and phone numbers listed for the hotels on this website.
- ❑ **REVIEW ABSTRACT GUIDELINES** Review the updated guidelines thoroughly and implement the recommendations to increase the chances of achieving a higher score.
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  Reference page 2: Abstract Submission Format, page 3: Abstract Grading Criteria and page 4: Abstract Submission Tips & Abstract Submission Etiquette.
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- ❑ **COMPLETE REGISTRATION PAYMENT**

REGISTRATION TYPE	STANDARD Until 3/9/2027	LATE / ONSITE Beginning 3/10/2027
GENERAL RATE	**$350**	**$450**
STUDENT RATE	**$200**	**$250**

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POSTER / PODIUM ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORMAT

TITLE **(uppercase)** must not exceed 10 words, which is about 80 characters, including spaces and punctuation.
- Example: FROM ARC REACTORS TO ACCESS: ADVANCED TECH TO IMPROVE EQUITABLE HEALTH OUTCOMES

AUTHORS **(mixed cases)** who have significantly contributed to the work should be listed. The recommended limit is 10 authors.
- For each author, include the initials with the last name. Separate authors with a semicolon.
- Example: PBJ Sandwich; AE Stark; B Banner; BC Heeler; L Skywalker

AFFILIATIONS **(capitalized)**
- List institution(s) where work was performed. Include author initials following affiliation.
- Example: Glasshouse University (PBJS, BCH); Stark Industries (AES, BB); Jedi Enterprises, Inc. (LS)

ABSTRACT TEXT must not exceed 300 words, which is about 2000 characters, including spaces and punctuation. Do not include the title, author(s), affiliation(s), or grant support here.

PURPOSE **(header in uppercase)**
- Explain the importance of the research or activity to include hypothesis, objectives, goals, and purpose.

METHODS **(header in uppercase)**
- Briefly explain the procedure and strategy used to gather the information presented.

RESULTS / EXPECTED RESULTS **(header in uppercase)**
- What did you find when you performed the analysis of the information presented? Remember, tables and charts are NOT allowed.

DISCUSSION / CONCLUSION **(header in uppercase)**
- How does the result address the purpose/hypothesis?
- How do the reported findings contribute to the knowledge in the respective field?

GRANT SUPPORT **(list only in the grant support field)**
- Authors are encouraged to acknowledge grant support for work, where applicable.

KEYWORDS & TERMS **(limit to ten (10) keywords/terms; separate with commas)**
- Authors are encouraged to provide keywords and terms that can be used to easily to find your presentation and for appropriate indexing purposes.
- Example: improving health, health outcomes, healthcare access, multidisciplinary collaboration

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SAMPLE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORMAT

TITLE AVENGERS-INSPIRED TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION TO ADVANCE HEALTH OUTCOMES

AUTHORS AE Stark; BB Banner; N Romanoff; S Rogers; T Stark

AFFILIATIONS Stark Industries Research Division (AE Stark, T Stark); Gamma Biomedical Institute (BB Banner); Strategic Operations Health Unit (N Romanoff); Community Health Defense Initiative (S Rogers)

ABSTRACT TEXT

PURPOSE

This study examined whether technology-enabled, interdisciplinary care coordination models can improve healthcare access and reduce health gaps in underserved communities. The project evaluated the effectiveness of integrating real-time analytics, rapid-response communication systems, and collaborative healthcare workflows to strengthen preventive care engagement and continuity of care.

METHODS

A mixed-methods design was used to evaluate simulated and retrospective community health system data from three resource-limited service regions. Quantitative measures included preventive screening participation, appointment response times, and continuity-of-care indicators before and after implementation of coordinated technology systems. Qualitative feedback was collected from healthcare professionals, public health partners, and community stakeholders to assess usability, scalability, and barriers to implementation. Data were analyzed using comparative trend analysis and thematic review.

RESULTS

Implementation of the integrated coordination model was associated with a 28% improvement in preventive service engagement, a 34% reduction in response time for high-risk patient follow-up, and improved continuity-of-care outcomes across participating systems. Stakeholders reported stronger interdisciplinary communication, increased efficiency in patient outreach, and improved adaptability in underserved settings. Community-centered design and interoperable technology platforms were identified as critical factors supporting sustainability and equitable service delivery.

DISCUSSION / CONCLUSION

Technology-driven, multidisciplinary collaboration models may strengthen healthcare delivery and improve equitable health outcomes in underserved populations. Findings support continued development of scalable, community-informed systems that enhance care coordination, reduce health gaps, and support sustainable public health innovation.

GRANT SUPPORT This work was supported by S.H.I.E.L.D. Advanced Health Innovation Grant No. SHD-2026-AI-042.

KEYWORDS & TERMS healthcare technology, interdisciplinary collaboration, care coordination, population health, preventive care, community health, innovation, health systems, data analytics

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ABSTRACT GRADING CRITERIA

All abstracts will be reviewed using the following criteria:

RELEVANCE AND ADHERENCE TO THE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES: Does the abstract align with the conference goals, including presenting new approaches to improving health outcomes and reducing health gaps, supporting the development of a broad and representative research workforce, encouraging multidisciplinary collaboration, and offering sustainable, replicable, and community-centered solutions that support improve health outcomes?

INNOVATION AND CONTRIBUTION: Does the abstract bring new ideas or important knowledge to science or society?

CLARITY AND COMPLETENESS: Is the content clear and complete? Does it explain the purpose, objectives theoretical and/or applied focus, research/activity methods, findings, and potential practical application?

ORGANIZATION: Is the abstract well-organized according to the submission guidelines (see page 2&3)?

RESEARCH DESIGN: Does the abstract clearly describe how the study, project, or activity was conducted, including methods, participants, data collection, and analysis (if applicable)? Are the research or evaluation methods appropriate for addressing the stated purpose, objectives, or research questions? Does the design provide enough detail and rigor to support valid, reliable, and meaningful findings or conclusions?

RESULTS: Does the abstract clearly present the outcomes, findings, or expected impact of the research or activity? Are the results meaningful, supported by the data or evidence provided, and connected to the stated objectives? Does the abstract explain the significance of the findings and their potential contribution to improving health outcomes, reducing health gaps, advancing research, practice, policy, education, or community engagement? If the study hasn't been done yet, does the abstract include predictions about the findings? Are the expected results valuable to the field?

ABSTRACT SCORING

Reviewers should assign a score of 1-5 for each part of the ranking criteria presented below **(whereas "5" is excellent and "1" is very poor)**. The best overall score is therefore 30 and the worst score is 6.

Please utilize the grid below to rank the abstract:

	1 VERY POOR	2 POOR	3 ACCEPTABLE	4 VERY GOOD	5 EXCELLENT
Relevance and Adherence	○	○	○	○	○
Innovation and Contribution	○	○	○	○	○
Clarity and Completeness	○	○	○	○	○
Organization	○	○	○	○	○
Research Design	○	○	○	○	○
Results	○	○	○	○	○

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TIP #1
START EARLY.
Writing and finalizing your abstract can take time. Start as soon as possible because technical issues or unexpected events can happen. Deadlines can come quickly!

TIP #2
PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS.
Follow the abstract submission guidelines carefully. This will help you organize your content and make a good impression on the abstract review committee.

TIP #3
CONSULT YOUR CO-AUTHORS AND ADVISORS.
Make sure your co-authors agree to submit the work and approve their name and affiliation on the abstract. Advisors can help you improve the quality and originality of your work before submission.

TIP #4
KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE.
Aim to make an impact on the conference attendees. Abstract reviewers want to see work that benefits the attendees, so learn who they are and why they are attending.

TIP #5
SUPPORT THE CONFERENCE THEME AND OBJECTIVES.
Make sure your abstract aligns with the conference goals. Following the submission guidelines will help you structure your content effectively.

TIP #6
KEEP IT SHORT.
Don't overwhelm the reviewers with unnecessary details. Include only the information needed to clearly explain the purpose, methods, outcomes/results, and importance of your work.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION ETIQUETTE

DOs & DON'Ts

DO'S
- Limit your abstract to 300 words, which is about 2000 characters, including spaces and punctuation. The title, author(s), affiliation(s), and grant support do not count towards this limit.
- Use single spacing for all your text.
- Explain any abbreviations the first time you use them in the abstract.
- Carefully proofread your abstract before submitting. Verify all authors and affiliations No changes can be made afterward, and accepted abstracts will be printed exactly as submitted and approved by the Scientific and Review Committees.

DON'TS
- Do not use tables, charts, or formulas.
- Do not include references or credits.
- Do not add extra space between paragraphs.
- Do not submit abstracts of papers that have already been published.
- Do not submit the same abstract more than once. All duplicate submissions will automatically be removed from the review process.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Abstracts are grouped into broad themes related to collaborations in public health, variations in health access and outcomes, and overall health improvement. Reviewers can change the category of your abstract if needed, which could make the review process longer. To avoid delays, please review the categories carefully before submitting your abstract to make sure it is in the right one.

01 Basic and Applied Health
- 01 Cancer
- 02 Cardiovascular & Cerebrovascular Diseases
- 03 Diabetes / Obesity / Metabolic Syndromes
- 04 Gene-Environment Interactions
- 05 HIV & AIDS
- 06 Infectious & Immunological Diseases (non-HIV)
- 07 Microbiome
- 08 Nanotechnologies
- 09 Neuroscience & Mental Health
- 10 Oral Health
- 11 Pulmonary Diseases

02 Behavioral Health
- 01 Behavioral & Mental Health
- 02 Occupational Health
- 03 Pain Management
- 04 Suicide

03 Capacity Building
- 01 Education & Training
- 02 Institutional Readiness
- 03 Investigator Development
- 04 Mentoring & Professional Development
- 05 Programmatic Efforts

04 Clinical, Community, or Translational Research
- 01 Clinical & Translational Science Research
- 02 Community-Based Participatory Research
- 03 Environmental Science
- 04 Pharmaceutical Sciences / Pharmacokinetics / Drug Discovery & Delivery

05 Data Science / Big Data
- 01 Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning
- 02 Biomedical Informatics
- 03 Computational Biology
- 04 Data Collection & Management
- 05 Genomics
- 06 Precision Medicine
- 07 Proteomics

06 Health Maintenance & Prevention
- 01 Complementary & Alternative Medicine
- 02 Naturopathy
- 03 Nutrition / Physical Activity

07 Health-Related Technology
- 01 Health-Related Technology Application
- 02 Health-Related Technology Devices
- 03 SBIR / STTR Grants

08 Health Services & Policy
- 01 Gaps in Health Care
- 02 Health Economics
- 03 Health Policy
- 04 Healthcare Systems & Practices
- 05 Public Health Infrastructure
- 06 Public Health Preparedness for Natural Disasters

09 Research in Special Population Sub-Groups
- 01 Aging Research
- 02 Child & Adolescent Health
- 03 Global Health / Public Health
- 04 Immigrant / Migrant Populations
- 05 Incarcerated Populations
- 06 Indigenous Populations
- 07 Men's Health
- 08 People Experiencing Homelessness
- 09 People with Disabilities
- 10 Rural Health
- 11 Sexual & Gender Minorities
- 12 Women's Health

10 Social Drivers of Health
- 01 Economic Stability & Employment
- 02 Education Access & Quality
- 03 Environmental Quality
- 04 Food Security & Nutritional Access
- 05 Health Care Access & Quality
- 06 Safe Housing, Transportation, & Neighborhoods
- 07 Social & Community Engagement
- 08 Violence & Crime

POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

NEED to KNOW

Poster presentations will take place during designated Poster Sessions on **Saturday, April 24** and **Sunday, April 25, 2027**. To have your work included in the conference materials, all poster presenters must register and pay for the **XULA 2027** Conference by **Tuesday, March 23, 2027.**

ON-SITE POSTER PRESENTATION

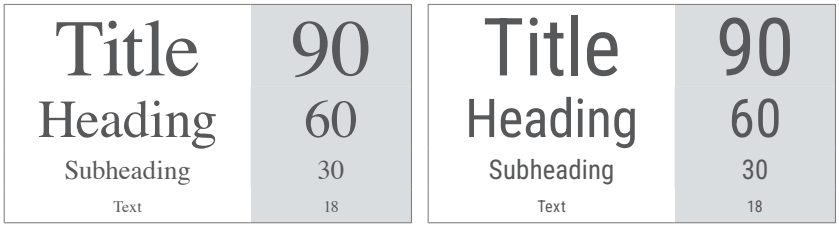
Poster Size: A 6'x4' poster board will be provided for all participants. The actual display area is 5'10" wide by 3'10" tall. Please ensure your poster does not exceed this size.

Set-Up & Removal: Set-up and removal times will be provided in the Poster Acceptance Package. The presenting author is responsible for setting up and removing the poster during these assigned times. Please remember to bring your own push pins for mounting. The Poster Acceptance Package will also include detailed instructions for poster display, as well as the poster number and location.

Presenting Authors: The presenting author must be available at their poster during the assigned session to discuss their work with conference participants. Please note that there is no space for audio-visual equipment for poster presentations.

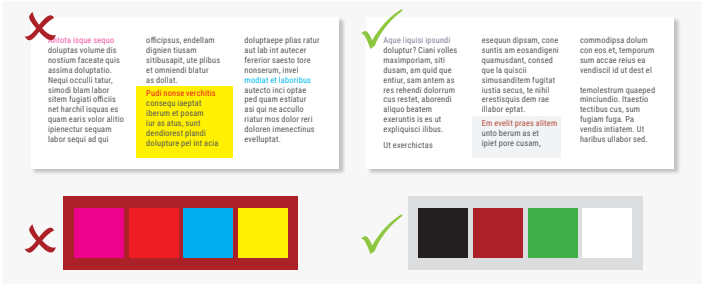
Type Style: To ensure your text is easy to read, avoid using ornate or script fonts. Use simple, clear fonts like Swiss, Helvetica, or Arial, or conservative serif fonts like Times Roman or Bookman. Follow standard rules when using italics or capital letters in the body of the text.

Type Size: All text must be readable. The title should be visible from at least 16 feet away, and the body text should be readable from 3-5 feet. Below are the minimum recommended font sizes for your poster:



This diagram is not to scale and is intended for illustrative purposes only.

Background: Avoid using elaborate background images, as they distract from your content. Patterns or images can make your text hard to read and less visible. Choose a simple background that highlights the information you want to present.



Colors: Avoid using fluorescent or overly bright colors. Use the same colors consistently on graphs to represent the same data or variables. Neutral or toned-down colors like grays are best for large areas and backgrounds. Blues, browns, greens, or grays work well for framing. White is fine for text and graph backgrounds, but off-white or beige is easier on the eyes.

Layout: Organize your poster from left to right and top to bottom. A good approach is to divide your content into 3 to 5 logical sections. Arrange each section as a vertical module on your poster, moving from left to right and leaving space between each module. Use white (empty) space to separate different parts of your poster and to show relationships between sections. Avoid cluttering your design.



Graphs and Tables: Aim for brevity, simplicity, and clarity in your graphs and tables, just like the rest of your poster. Here are some guidelines:

- Avoid tables with more than 20 data cells, as they can overwhelm viewers.
- Use graphs with no more than three lines or six bars for clarity.
- Include captions and legends, but keep them short and informative.
- Maintain a consistent labeling system for all graphs.
- When presenting similar data on different graphs, it can be helpful to use the same scale on all axes.

POSTER COMPETITION

NEED to KNOW

The Student Poster Competition is designed to encourage and acknowledge students and junior investigators whose research contributes to improving health outcomes and advancing the well-being of diverse communities.

The competition will highlight excellence in student and young investigator research that is sustainable, replicable, and culturally responsive. Projects showcased will demonstrate innovative approaches that address real-world challenges, strengthen public health practice, and promote better health for under-resourced populations. By recognizing this work, the competition aims to inspire the next generation of researchers and practitioners to continue building solutions that lead to lasting improvements in population health.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

Accepted abstracts with students listed as the first author on the Abstract Submission Form will be considered for the Student Poster Competition. To qualify, entrants must be enrolled in an accredited program or institution and designated as a student at the time of submission. For this competition, students include undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and post-doctoral levels. The level of enrollment must be clearly indicated when submitting the abstract. In addition, the student must be listed as the first author, and all submissions must follow the Abstract Submittal & Presentation Guidelines.

JUDGING FOR THE COMPETITION

The Student Poster Competition is a signature feature of the 20th Conference on Improving Health Outcomes. It provides an important platform for students and junior investigators to showcase their research, practice their presentation skills, and receive valuable feedback from experienced professionals in the field. This competition not only recognizes academic excellence but also supports the next generation of leaders who are committed to advancing health outcomes for diverse communities.

The competition will be held during the poster sessions on **Saturday, April 24 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM CDT**, and **Sunday, April 25 from 4:45 PM – 6:15 PM CDT**. During these sessions, students will present their work to conference attendees and a panel of judges. Each poster will be evaluated by at least two (2) judges selected at random to ensure fairness and diversity of perspectives. Winners will be determined through a rigorous scoring process using a standardized judging scorecard and rubric.

To participate, all entrants must follow the Abstract Submittal & Presentation Guidelines established for the 2027 Conference. Student presenters are expected to be on site during their assigned poster session and be prepared to:

- Explain the purpose, methods, findings, and significance of their research in clear, accessible terms.
- Provide an oral overview of their project, lasting approximately five (5) minutes, to both judges and attendees.
- Answer questions and engage in dialogue about their work.

Awards will be presented in four categories: **undergraduate, graduate, doctoral,** and **post-doctoral**. The winners will be honored and formally recognized during **General Session VI: John Ruffin Junior Investigator, Awards Presentations & Reporting Out** on **Monday, April 26, 2027**.

This competition is designed to celebrate innovation, cultural relevance, and the practical application of research findings, while giving students an opportunity to network, gain visibility, and contribute to advancing knowledge that improves health outcomes.

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PODIUM PRESENTATIONS: DEVELOPING YOUR SLIDE PRESENTATION

TIPS TO CREATE THE BEST SLIDES FOR YOUR PRESENTATION

LESS IS MORE

When you give a presentation, people are interested in the topic and also curious about you as the speaker. That's why it's helpful to keep your slides simple. You want the audience to focus on your message, not just the slides. Make sure your slides are relevant but simple enough that people can concentrate on what you are saying. Use the visuals to support your message, not overshadow it.

KEEP TEXT TO A MINIMUM

One way to keep your presentation simple is to use less text. People remember information better when it is combined with images rather than just text. To help your message connect with the audience, focus on using visual content when creating your slides.

RETHINK VISUALS

When you use less text on your slides, you need strong visuals to support your message. However, this doesn't mean you should just add random nice-looking photos. Like any good content strategy, the visuals in your presentation must be thoughtful and relevant to your topic.

CHARTS AND GRAPHS

Including data and statistics is one of the best ways to support your message during a presentation. Charts and graphs offer a colorful and engaging way to show the details that back up your points. However, make sure these visuals match the overall theme of your presentation. If they don't fit, they may distract the audience instead of enhancing your message.

COLOR THEMES

Research shows that colors can influence our emotions, especially in marketing. While your presentation may not aim to sell something, you might want to evoke specific feelings or impressions. Using color strategically can help you achieve that goal.

FONTS

When you include text in your presentation, it should be easy for your audience to read. If the text is too small or dense, people may struggle to understand it and miss your message.

Designers recommend using Sans Serif fonts that prioritize legibility over style. The text should be large enough for those in the back of the room to read easily. Additionally, choose the right color for the text to ensure it stands out against the background.

IMAGE QUALITY

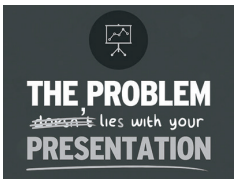
Using great visual content in your presentation is important, but it won't be effective if the images are low-quality. Ensure that your photos and other visual elements are high-resolution, so they look sharp and clear when displayed on a large presentation screen.

BEST POWERPOINT PRESENTATION *examples*



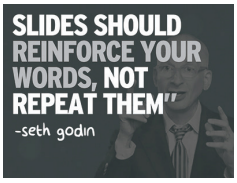


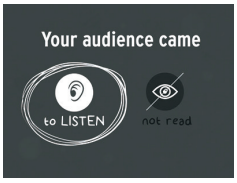






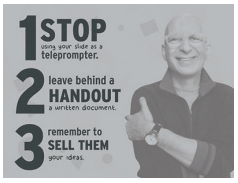














FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN PRESENT A PODIUM ABSTRACT?

If your abstract is selected for podium presentation, only **ONE (1)** presenter is allowed.

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN PRESENT A POSTER ABSTRACT?

If your abstract is selected for poster presentation, there is **no limit** to the number of presenters. However, all presenters must register and pay to participate in the conference.

CAN I REQUEST MY PRESENTATION DATE / TIME?

If your abstract is selected, you should be ready to attend all poster and podium sessions. The abstract review committee decides where each abstract will go in the conference program. We cannot accept requests for specific session times.

CAN I MAKE CHANGES TO MY ABSTRACT?

No, abstracts cannot be changed after submission. They will appear exactly as submitted. However, you can share any updates or changes when you present your abstract.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

No, there are no scholarships for the conference. All participants must pay the registration fee before their abstract is confirmed for presentation. You will also need to cover your own travel, parking, and any other costs related to attending the conference.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2027 [TUESDAY]

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FEBRUARY 23, 2027 [TUESDAY]

CANCELLATION AND REFUND DEADLINE To cancel a registration, email the Conference Organizers. Cancellations received on or before Tuesday, February 23, 2027 will have a 50% cancellations fee. No refunds for cancellations after Tuesday, February 23, 2027. Refunds will be issued within 30 days after the conference ends. To request a registration refund, please include the company or institution's tax ID if payment was made by their check. XULA-COP may cancel activities due to unavoidable circumstances, in which case all registered participants will be notified via the provided email. XULA-COP's liability is limited to the registration fee. Conference Organizers may limit program participants and are not responsible for any expenses incurred by individuals without confirmed registration or available space.

MARCH 2, 2027 [TUESDAY]

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MARCH 9, 2027 [TUESDAY]

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Important Note: If payments are not received by the discount deadline, you will be charged the prevailing fees listed on the conference website.

MARCH 10, 2027 [WEDNESDAY]

LATE REGISTRATION RATES BEGIN **Rates begin at 12:00 AM CST.** View the registration rates and other details on the conference website.

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MARCH 16, 2027 [TUESDAY]

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