



60th Anniversary TSM Meeting, February 2026

University of Texas at Austin

CALL FOR PAPERS

The deadline for submission of abstracts for the 2026 Texas Society for Microscopy (TSM) meeting is **January 18, 2026**.

Registration and abstract submission are available during registration on our website:

<https://texas.microscopy.org/Meeting-Registration>

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION REMARKS:

- Abstracts must be uploaded during registration. Document layout instructions are provided below. An example template submission may be downloaded using this link: https://texas.microscopy.org/files/galleries/2026TSM-Abstract_template.docx
- Receipt of your submitted abstract will be acknowledged via e-mail (to the submitting author).
- Presenting authors will be notified of presentation acceptance (session, time) by the end of January 2026.
- Please indicate at the time of online registration and submission:
 - Presenter type: Student / Non-student
 - Area: Biological Sciences / Materials Sciences / Education / Other
 - Presentation preference: Platform/ Poster

Platform presentations: All presentations will be scheduled for 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes for questions. Presenters may bring their own computer/device for their presentation.

Poster presentations: Poster should be A0 format either in **portrait with a size of 33 x 47 in (841 x 1189 mm) or landscape with a size of 47 x 33 in (1189 x 841 mm)**.

Travel support and Student Awards

- TSM travel support. Presenting students will be automatically entered into the travel support list. The TSM supports students with \$50 for local travel (within 50 miles of the venue) or \$200 for long-distance travel.
- Best Platform Awards. All students delivering a talk will be entered for student competition.
- Best Poster Awards. All posters presented during the poster session will be considered for the award.

INSTRUCTIONS for abstract preparation (SEE ABSTRACT TEMPLATE)

Abstracts must be uploaded during registration. Document layout instructions are provided on the next page and an example abstract template is available here: [Example Abstract Template](#)

Abstract should present results and state clearly and concisely what was determined or could not be determined by the microscopy studies conducted. The abstract should be a condensed version of your presentation and include all significant findings. Write the text so readers who are not specialists can appreciate the purpose of the study and understand the procedures and conclusions. The text, entirely written in English, should include a brief introduction and motivation of the study, including experimental procedures, main results, and conclusions. Do not divide the text into sub-sections, except for the References section. The submission may include up to two figures. Figures are optional but highly encouraged.

Abstracts that do not present results but elaborate on future work will not be accepted for presentation and publication in the *Texas Journal of Microscopy (TJM)*. All submissions are reviewed by the editorial board of the *TJM*.

Format

1. Abstracts should be sent as a Word document (doc or .docx). The document format is US Letter, portrait orientation, 8.5 x 11.0 inches or 21.59 x 27.94 cm. Document margins should be 1.0-inch (25.4 mm) top and bottom and 0.75 inches (19.1 mm) left and right.
2. The title should be all capitals in 12-point, bold type.
3. Author's names and affiliations as shown in the abstract template. Use single spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font, and left-justified formatting. Each name should have an Arabic superscript number after it to reference the author's affiliation. Leave one blank line between the authors' names and the list of affiliations. Underline presenter's name.
4. Body of text. Go to the next line, indent ¼ inch for each paragraph or use only one paragraph. Use single spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font, full-justified formatting, **and between 200-800 words without references.**

Use italics for taxonomic terms; do not use underlines. Avoid individualized formatting and special typefaces. Do not indent the first paragraph but do indent all subsequent paragraphs. Indicate references within the text with Arabic numbers in square brackets, preferably at the end of the sentence, before the period [1]. Define all abbreviations at the first occurrence.

5. References. References will be included at the end of the text. Use single spaced, Times New Roman 12- point font, and left-justified formatting, not to exceed 2000 characters. Use the appropriate reference styles. Reference style examples are listed in the abstract template.
6. Figures. Include figures at the end of the document. Figures may have multiple panels, with each panel labeled with a letter (A, B, C, D, etc.). Be sure to include scale markers on micrographs and label the axes on graphs. Captions should be in single spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font, left-justified, start with "Fig. #." in bold, and placed below their respective figures. Artwork and tables must be electronically inserted into the document. It is strongly recommended that figures are inserted into the submission as complete images (avoid using the word processor to compose figures). The maximum file size of an image before insertion should be 25MB, and a resolution of at least 300 DPI is recommended. A maximum of two (2) figures may be included in the submission.