



University
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RSPS XLIV

Rochester Symposium for Physics (Astronomy & Optics) Students

SPS Zone 2 Regional Meeting

A one-day informal Symposium for undergraduate students presenting
papers or posters on Physics, Optics, or Astronomy

Saturday, April 18th, 2026

Department of Physics & Astronomy
University of Rochester, NY

Undergraduate students are invited to submit papers on any subject in pure or applied optics, physics, or astronomy or closely related fields. Reports may be of completed work or work in progress:

- * research projects
- * library study projects
- * equipment design and construction
- * independent laboratory work
- * senior theses
- * summer projects

Abstracts

Please upload your abstracts (200 words or less) at <http://www.pas.rochester.edu/news-events/rsps/2026/> by **March 27, 2026**. At the time of arrival at the Symposium the following fees are due: \$25 per abstract, \$20 for each faculty, and \$15 for each student who is not presenting a paper. In addition, there will be a symposium luncheon at a cost of \$15 per person.

Symposium registration is available online at <http://www.pas.rochester.edu/news-events/rsps/2026/>
A booklet of abstracts will be distributed at the symposium and all abstracts are published online.

Symposium

The Symposium will be organized into several sessions with faculty session chairs. There will be 15 minutes allocated for the presentation of each paper, which includes approximately 5 minutes for discussion. A poster session will be included in the program. For further information, contact Lysa Wade, RSPS office, Physics and Astronomy Department, University of Rochester, (585) 275-4356 or lwade3@ur.rochester.edu.

Keynote Speaker: Regina Barber, Short Wave Host (NPR's science podcast), "A Physicist's Path to NPR: Learning how to share science better."

Career Talk Presenter: Prof. Matthew Wright, Adelphi University, "Be a Shark: Careers, Networking"

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