



May 6th – 8th, 2026



Academic Classroom and Laboratory Complex (ALCLC)





Auburn University, Alabama



Annual Meeting Agenda


Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Room

8:00am – 9:00am	Registration and Poster Set-Up	ALCLC 1 st floor Lobby
9:00am – 9:20am	Overview and Introduction by Gary P. Zank, PI - UAH	ALCLC 108
9:20am – 9:40am	Overview of Transformative Technologies (TT) by Dr. Yogesh Vohra, UAB	ALCLC 108
9:40am – 10:00am	Break 	ALCLC 1 st floor Lobby
10:00am – 10:20am	Overview of Foundational Research 1 (FR1) by Dr. Vladimir Kolobov, UAH	ALCLC 108
10:20am – 10:40am	Overview of Foundational Research 2 (FR2) by Dr. Edward Thomas Jr.	ALCLC 108
10:40am – 11:00am	Outreach Presentation by Laura Provenzani and Indira Richardson	ALCLC 108
11:00am – 11:50am	Future Centers of Excellence Discussion	ALCLC 108
11:50am – 1:00pm	Lunch 	ALCLC 2 nd floor Lobby
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Evaluation Presentation by EDU Inc.	ALCLC 108
1:30pm – 3:30pm	3-Minute Flash Talk Competition	ALCLC 108
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Reception 	ALCLC 2 nd floor Atrium
3:30pm – 5:45pm	Poster Session	ALCLC 2 nd floor Atrium




Thursday, May 7, 2026

Room


9:00am – 9:25am	Ajay Shahi – AAMU Grad Student “Cold Plasma Effects on Early Seedling Development in vegetable crops: From Germination to Gene Expression”	ALCLC 108
9:25am – 9:50am	Soumyajit Dey – USA Postdoc “Detection of Isolated Substorms with WINDMI Model”	ALCLC 108
9:50am – 10:15am	Shahadat Hossain – UAB Grad Student “Dynamical Behavior of Freely Suspended Nanomembranes”	ALCLC 108
10:15am – 10:30am	Break 	ALCLC 1 st floor Lobby
10:30am – 10:55am	Sushrisangita Sahoo – Tuskegee Postdoc “Low temperature plasma treatment to improve adhesion in glass fiber reinforced polypropylene composite”	ALCLC 108
10:55am – 11:20am	Katherine Sofia Sierra Melendrez – Auburn Grad Student “Effectiveness of Cold Plasma Technology In Enhancing Food Safety and Sustainability”	ALCLC 108
11:20am – 11:45am	Paria Abouhamzeh – UAH Grad Student “The Structure of Pick-up Ion–mediated Shock Waves in the Outer Heliosphere”	ALCLC 108
11:45am – 12:10am	Negeshwar Nagarajan – UAH Grad Student “Plasma-droplet interaction: electrical and optical diagnostics of water droplets in atmospheric dielectric barrier discharge plasma”	ALCLC 108

Thursday, May 7, 2026 (cont.)

Room

12:15pm - 1:15pm	Lunch 	ACLC 2 nd floor Lobby
1:15pm - 2:15pm	Career Presentation - Dr. Erik Schwiebert, Director of Station 41	ACLC 108
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Career Presentation - Dr. Chris Easley, Professor at Auburn University	ACLC 108
3:15pm - 3:30pm	Break 	ACLC 1 st floor Lobby
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Eleanor Williamson (Auburn Postdoc), Masaru Nakanotani (UAH Researcher), Laxman Adhikari (UAH Early Career Faculty), Gabe Xu (UAH Mid Career Faculty), Yogesh Vohra (UAB Senior Career Faculty), Matthew Richardson (Industry Senior Electrical Engineer, Technology Services Corporation)	ACLC 108
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Annual Meeting Group Dinner 	Auburn University Hotel and Conf. Center
7:00pm - 7:30pm	Dinner presentation by Dr. Dana Longcope, Professor of Solar Physics, Montana State University	^ Legacy Ballroom
7:30pm - 8:00pm	Student Awards Presentation	^ Legacy Ballroom

Friday, May 8, 2026

9:00am - 10:00am	Communication Session - Dr. Mike Morrison, "Better Posters"	ACLC 108
10:00am - 10:15am	Break 	ACLC 1 st floor Lobby
10:15am - 11:15am	Communication Session - Dr. Demitrius T. Barksdale, "Impostor Phenomena (IP): Personal Confidence as a Rising Scholar"	ACLC 108
11:15am - 1:00pm	Student Only Session - Student led presentations / activities	ACLC 108
11:15am - 1:00om	EAB Meeting with the FTTP Management Team (closed / working lunch)	ACLC 102
11:15am	All other meeting attendees may adjourn	



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