

The Canadian Beef Industry Conference (CBIC) Student Poster Competition is Back for 2026!

Conference dates: August 18–20, 2026, at the RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg, MB

Abstract Submission Deadline: **June 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM MT**

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The poster competition is open to all post-secondary students and will be divided into two streams:

- College / Undergraduate / Diploma students
- Master's / PhD students

Research must address an industry challenge aligned with one of the five pillars of the National Beef Strategy: sustainability, connectivity, productivity, beef demand, or competitiveness

(<http://beefstrategy.com/>)

Competition Format

- Posters will be presented to a beef producer audience, and judging will prioritize clarity, relatability, and accessibility of the content.
- Poster evaluations, including a Q&A session with your judges will take place in person at CBIC on Wednesday, August 19.
- From these evaluations, the top three students in each stream will advance to the final round on Thursday, August 20, where they will deliver a three-minute verbal presentation summarizing their research on the main-stage to compete for cash prizes

For students applying in the Master's / PhD stream, the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (CRSB) is awarding two Graduate Student Sponsorships, covering travel, accommodation and registration expenses. [Click here for more information.](#)

Participation Timeline

- **April 1 - June 1, 2026:** Online abstract submission period
- **June - July 2026:** Notification of accepted abstracts
- **August 19, 2026:** Poster presentations
- **August 20, 2026:** Finalist presentations
 - Top three students in each stream present 3-minute summaries on the main stage
 - Winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place announced

Registration

Registration opens on April 29th, students are required to register prior to the event and will be provided a reduced rate (\$400).

[Canadian Beef Industry Conference website](#)

Abstract Requirements

An abstract is a short communication that allows readers to evaluate the contributions of a scientific study, method, industry solution, extension program, or research technique. To ensure clarity for a producer audience, abstracts should use clear, direct, and uncomplicated language.

- **Word limit:** Maximum **350 words** (excluding the title).
- **Title:** Must be concise, relevant to a producer audience, and no longer than **25 words**.
- **Keywords:** Include **five** keywords that reflect the primary themes of your abstract.
- **Objective:** The **first sentence** must clearly state the main objective of the work.
- **Methodology:** Provide essential experimental or program details, such as:
 - Population or sample
 - Experimental design
 - Housing or environmental conditions (if applicable)
 - Data collection procedures
 - Statistical analyses performed
- **Results:** Present results that directly address the stated objective, including appropriate statistical inferences.
 - One table or figure may be included if it is the most effective format for presenting results.
- **Conclusion:** Provide a clear conclusion outlining the effectiveness and/or practical application of the results.
- **Authorship:** The submitting student **must** be the presenting author.

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Poster Requirements

- **Poster size:** Landscape orientation, **36" × 48"**.
- **Fonts:** Use sans-serif fonts (e.g., *Arial*, *Calibri*). Minimum font size: **28 pt**.
- **Image quality:** All images must be **300 DPI** or higher for suitable print quality.
- **Authors:** List authors in the following order: **competitor → supervisor → committee members**.
- **Headshot:** Including a headshot of the competitor on the poster is **encouraged**.
- **Audience:** Sections must be written in language for a cattle producers and industry audience. View BCRC Research Summaries for guidance ([example](#))
- Students are responsible for **printing and bringing their posters** to the conference.