

Twenty-First Annual
Ranger Research Day

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Alva, Oklahoma ~ Friday, November 20, 2026

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

An Invitation to Undergraduate Students,
Graduate Students, and Faculty in All Disciplines

Ranger Research Day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2026. Entries for poster or paper presentations are welcomed from all academic disciplines. *Registration and set-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. Judging of posters will begin at 8:30 a.m. while delivery of academic papers in a conference setting will begin at 1:30 p.m.*

Ranger Research Day will take place in the Student Center Ballroom on the Alva campus.

Deadline for submissions is Sunday, November 8, 2026. For each entry, submit the *Ranger Research Day Entry Form* via the Ranger Research Day website. The abstract should run between 125–250 words. Student entries are required to have a faculty sponsor; student entries without appropriate faculty sponsors will not be allowed to participate. Faculty members will be asked to confirm their sponsorship of a project.

Poster Presentations: A poster is a vigorous hybrid of scholarly paper and museum exhibit. Like a paper, it is built around an argument; like an exhibit, it is a visual experience. The key to building a poster is to present a good argument in primarily visual terms. Posters should include a brief abstract, a short introduction, aim(s) of the research, results, and discussion. Lettering should be large and legible. Posters may not exceed 48" x 48" and should be mounted on cardboard in order to stand upright on provided easels. NWOSU Printing Services can print appropriate poster sizes (contact Alica Hall, 580.327.8476 or email printshop@nwosu.edu). Poster presentations will occur from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Paper Presentations: Students who choose not to do a poster may present an academic research paper as if they were attending a scholarly humanities conference. Paper presentations (which consist of reading the paper aloud) should not exceed twenty minutes (roughly 8–10 pages of text). These will be grouped by discipline or academic theme. Paper presentations will occur in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.