



Showcase Your Research. Share Your Innovation.

Advance Bioscience in Berks

The Berks Biomedical Innovation Collaborative (BIC) invites researchers, students, clinicians, entrepreneurs, innovators, companies, and community partners to submit their work to the 2027 Bioscience in Berks Innovation Poster & Project Competition. This year's conference theme is "Health Tech and Digital Transformation," and will be held on January 29th, 2027.

The competition is designed to showcase outstanding research, emerging technologies, and innovative solutions in bioscience, healthcare, and related fields throughout Berks County and the surrounding region. Selected submissions will be featured in the Bioscience in Berks Digital Innovation Gallery and considered for category awards and project grants. The highest-ranked submissions may also be invited to present their work during the 2027 symposium program.

Who Should Submit?

- Undergraduate and graduate students
- Faculty and academic researchers
- Medical and healthcare professionals
- Research teams
- Life-science and biotechnology companies
- Entrepreneurs and startups
- Engineers and technology developers
- Community and economic-development innovators

Both research projects and applied innovations are welcome.

Competition Categories

1. Biomedical Research
2. Clinical & Health Innovation
3. Biotechnology & Life Sciences
4. Medical Devices & Engineering
5. Digital Health & AI
6. Food, Nutrition & Agricultural Bioscience
7. Student Innovation & Entrepreneurship
8. Commercialization & Industry Innovation

What Are We Looking For?

- An important problem, question, or opportunity
- A novel or innovative approach



- Evidence, research, or validation supporting the work
- Potential impact or value
- A credible path toward further development, implementation, or commercialization

How Will Submissions Be Judged?

All final submissions will be evaluated using the same 100-point scoring system: Problem / Opportunity (15); Innovation / Originality (20); Evidence / Technical Merit (20); Impact / Potential Value (20); Feasibility / Path Forward (10); and Clarity & Communication (15). Each submission will be independently reviewed by multiple judges. A minimum score of 70/100 is required to be eligible for a category award.

What Should You Submit?

Phase 1 - Abstract: project title; author(s) and affiliation(s); selected category; 250-word abstract; one-sentence “Why does this work matter?” statement; and contact information.

- SUBMIT ABSTRACT here: [Research Poster Competition](#)

Phase 2 - Final Poster: accepted submissions provide a one-page digital poster in PDF format, final title and author information, 250-word abstract, and an optional three-minute video presentation.

Awards

\$750 Bioscience in Berks Innovation Award / Project Grant for the top eligible submission in each category, plus a \$1,500 Overall Bioscience in Berks Innovation Award.

Innovation Showcase

The highest-ranked submissions may be invited to participate in the Bioscience in Berks Innovation Showcase, featuring short live presentations before symposium attendees.

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: November 13, 2026
- Acceptance Notification: December 4, 2026
- Final Digital Poster Deadline: December 18, 2026
- Judging Period: January 4-15, 2027
- Finalists Announced: January 20, 2027
- Innovation Showcase & Awards: January 28, 2027 Bioscience in Berks Innovation Symposium / pre-conference program
- Finalists present during lunch at Conference January 29, 2027



Why Participate?

- Regional recognition
- A \$750 project grant for category winners
- Eligibility for the \$1,500 overall innovation award
- Potential selection for a live symposium presentation
- Exposure to researchers, healthcare leaders, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and investors
- Inclusion in the Bioscience in Berks Digital Innovation Gallery

Research is important. Innovation makes it matter.