

**Call for Abstracts for the 22nd Annual Duke Center for AIDS Research
(CFAR) Research & Engagement Summit**

SUMMIT DATE: Thursday, September 24, 2026; 9AM – 2PM

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: Monday, August 17, 2026

[ABSTRACT SUBMISSION LINK](#)

Who can submit an abstract?

All Duke research staff, pre- and post-doctoral trainees, staff scientists and junior faculty conducting research related to HIV/AIDS, or to any human pathogen where the methods, concepts or findings provide novel insights for HIV-related research, are encouraged to submit an abstract for a research presentation at the CFAR Research and Engagement Summit.

This is an opportunity to share your research design, progress, and new insights with others in the Duke University community and community members from the CFAR's D3C ([Duke Collaborative Community Council](#)). Final results are not required, and 'works in progress' are welcome.

Submission guidelines

- Abstracts should use the following format: *Background, Methods, Results, Impact, and Conclusion*. The abstract with authors' information must fit on one page.
- Include a 1–2 sentence plain-language summary describing the main finding and why it matters.

Abstract Presentations and Research Showcase

All submitted abstracts will be considered for presentation at the 2026 CFAR Summit. From the pool of submitted abstracts:

- **Six abstracts** will be selected for **4-minute Flash Talks** during the Summit program.
- Additional abstracts will be selected for **Poster Presentations** during the Summit, depending on the number and quality of submissions and available display space.
- **All abstracts** will be published in the **2026 CFAR Summit Program Book**.

All abstract submitters will be asked to prepare a **one-page Research Summary** highlighting their project, key findings, impact, and future directions in plain language. Summaries will be included in the Program Book, displayed with the corresponding poster, and may be used to showcase CFAR-supported research through community engagement, dissemination, and outreach activities throughout the year.

Selection for a Flash Talk will be based on scientific merit, innovation, relevance to HIV/AIDS research, and overall impact. Authors selected to deliver a Flash Talk will be notified by **Friday, August 21**.

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At that time, all abstract submitters will receive further instructions and guidance on preparing Flash Talks (for selected speakers), posters, and one-page summaries.

Poster Winners will be announced at the close of the Summit and in the CFAR newsletter!

Deadlines:

Date	Activity
August 17, 2026	Abstracts due at this link <i>You will receive an email confirmation that your file was uploaded successfully.</i>
August 21, 2026	Abstracts selected for Posters/Flash Talks will be communicated
September 21, 2026	PDF versions of One-Page Research Summaries due

See the [Duke CFAR Website](#) for more and updated information.

Questions? Email Kelly Suñé at kelly.sune@duke.edu