

# Frequently Asked Questions

## MUGS 2026

### Registration & Logistics

- **What is the registration fee, and does it include meals?**

The cost to attend MUGS 2026 at Macalester College is \$20. This includes a light breakfast and lunch.
- **Is there a special rate for students or early-bird registration?**

We are charging \$20 for the event, no early bird discount. Although early registration is much appreciated.
- **What is the cancellation / refund policy**

There are no refunds for this event.
- **Are there virtual attendance options?**

Not at this time.
- **Where is the best place to stay, and is there a conference hotel block?**

We do not have a conference block. There are many hotels that accept a Macalester College rate. Call hotels individually to inquire.
- **How do I get to campus, and is parking provided?**

[Campus Map](#)
- Directions to Macalester College
  - Macalester College
  - Parking Information
  - Macalester Address for Bus Drivers

## Programming & Content

- **How can I submit an abstract for a presentation or poster?**  
Please submit your abstract after you have paid to attend. [Submit your abstraction here.](#)
- **What is the deadline for abstract submissions?**  
The deadline for abstract submission is April 12, 2026 at 4:30 pm
- **Are there opportunities for networking with industry professionals?**  
Breaks are scheduled throughout the day and during lunch are great times to network.

## Campus & Facility Info

- **Where are the sessions located on campus?**  
MUGS 2026 will take place in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Building
- **Will there be WiFi access for guests?**  
Yes
- **Is the campus accessible for people with disabilities?**  
Yes
- **What safety or security protocols are in place?**  
Macalester has 24-hour safety and security on staff. Macalester College has established safety and security protocols in place.

## Directions & Parking

- [Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center Directions & Parking](#)
- **Macalester Address for Bus Drivers**  
130 Macalester Street, St. Paul, MN 55105

## Conference Attendees

- **Who attends MUGS?**  
MUGS is attended by geography students, faculty and staff from colleges and universities across the Midwest. Family, friends and all supporters are welcome to attend.
- **What should I wear?**  
Feel free to wear what you feel is comfortable to present your work or attend a conference.

## For Presenters

- **What are the requirements for poster presentations (e.g., size, format)?**  
The size of the poster board is 78" tall x 48" wide.
- **Will laptops be provided for presentations, or should I bring my own?**  
Please bring your own flashdrive. Laptops and microphones will be provided.
- **How long should my presentation be?**  
Project Presentation - 15 minutes (12 minute presentation and 3 minutes for Q&A)  
Lightning Talk – 5 minutes. No Q&A after presentation.

## Additional Notes

- All presenters should remain in their session. Viewers are free to move between sessions.
- Each room will have a PC and an overhead projector and microphone.
- Please limit phone use and side conversations during presentations.
- All sessions will be mediated by a Geography faculty member.