

Hayes Advanced Research Forum 2025 – CALL FOR POSTDOCTORAL PRESENTATION AND JUDGING APPLICATIONS

Do you have research you'd like to share? Looking for a professionalization and service opportunity that will look great on your CV, for future P&T, or visa applications? The 39th annual Edward F. Hayes Advanced Research Forum will be held from 8:00am to 3:30pm Friday February 28th, 2025. Postdoctoral scholars (in addition to graduate students) at OSU have the opportunity to present their research or serve as judges of graduate work. Details for both opportunities follow below:

Presentation Opportunity

The Hayes Forum is an interdisciplinary event that showcases the research of graduate students and postdoctoral scholars across Ohio State and promotes fruitful exchanges between graduate students, trainees, faculty, the administration, and the public. In addition, the Hayes Forum is a chance for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to win cash prizes in recognition of their exemplary research (cash prizes for all competitions this year total more than \$17,000). Prizes for postdoc winners will be paid by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.

The abstract submission deadline for the 2025 forum has been extended and is now Monday, December 9th at 11:59pm. Information about the Hayes Forum and applying to it (including eligibility rules, abstract and application requirements, academic areas, and abstract evaluation) can be found [here \(go.osu.edu/hayes-2025-application\)](https://go.osu.edu/hayes-2025-application). If interested in both judging and presentation, please see below for further details.

Judging Opportunity

We are seeking postdoctoral scholars to assist with the review of graduate student abstracts prior to the forum, and in-person (oral and poster) presentation sessions on the day of the forum. These opportunities can help give you valuable experience and professionalization for your CV or resume, and can be useful for P&T packets, job applications (both academic and non-academic/alt-academic), and for visa and immigration documentation purposes. The Hayes Forum Chair will provide a letter thanking you for your service if you evaluate abstracts or presentations as proof of this service.

Please note that if you are applying to present as a postdoc and are selected to present at the Hayes Forum, you will be unable to present *and* participate in in-person judging of graduate student sessions, as presentations occur simultaneously for all sessions, and presenters are expected to attend the full session they are presenting in (just as judges need to attend their full slate of assigned presentations). You may apply to judge abstracts only, presentations only, “both”, or “whatever is most needed”. We will note if you are a postdoc when you apply, and make judging assignments according to your availability if you are presenting the day of the forum.

In order to apply for judging for the forum, please navigate [here](https://cgs.osu.edu/programs-events/edward-f-hayes-advanced-research-forum/information-for-judges) for the application (<https://cgs.osu.edu/programs-events/edward-f-hayes-advanced-research-forum/information-for-judges>).

If you have questions, concerns, or need clarification, please direct your inquiries to Hayes Organizing Committee Chair Katie Conner at cgs-hayesforum@osu.edu.

The forum is co-sponsored by the Council of Graduate Students, the Graduate School, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and the Enterprise for Research, Innovation, and Knowledge (ERIK), with additional organizational and operational support from the Office of Student Life.