
2026 Global Child Nutrition Forum

Call for

RESEARCH HEADLINE POSTERS



CONCEPT: RESEARCH HEADLINE POSTERS*

HEADLINE POSTERS* ARE:

- Concise and compelling
- For a non-researcher audience
- Focused on the research outcome/primary message
- Easy to remember
- Sparse on details
- An avenue to find more in-depth information about the work

*GCNF's Headline Poster concept is based on the work of Michigan State University PhD/Psychology student Mike Morrison (2019), whose ideas to improve scientific posters are described [here](https://tinyurl.com/44usb2sw) (<https://tinyurl.com/44usb2sw>).



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APPLICATION PERIOD

- Submissions accepted beginning May 1 through September 2, 2026.
- Submit to: Shivani@gcnf.org, cc: Arlene@gcnf.org
- Submitting by 2 September will help ensure a smooth experience and avoid any technical issues.

APPLICATION FORMAT: EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- Title of research/paper
- Introduction (purpose or catalyst for this particular research) in 50 words or less
- Author(s), listed with first name and last name
- Citation, including url
- Statement of key outcome/learning/result/fact/headline, in 25 words or less (**<20 words is ideal**)
- Hyperlink and/or QR code for the full report or paper text
- Indication that the submitter has read and agreed to the terms outlined in this document.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONS: any other instructions on how to access the paper; organizational logo(s)

KEYS TO HEADLINE POSTER ACCEPTANCE - CONTENT

CONTENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR POSTER ACCEPTANCE

- Content must be recent (within the past 5 years) and relate to school meals or closely associated topics.
- Preference will be given to innovative, interdisciplinary research, studies, or reports.
- Highest priority will be given to peer-reviewed studies.
- Content is encouraged that engages with emerging debates and offers new information and insight.
- The poster should communicate well to a non-researcher audience.
- The preferred language is English, but the submission may be in any major language, with the caveat that GCNF cannot provide written or oral translation of individual posters at the Forum or otherwise.
- The intent is to give visibility to the work, but the submission cannot just be an advertisement for the presenting organization or individual. It must have a key relevant message linked to school feeding.
- The submission should not include photos or graphics beyond the relevant QR code and/or submitting organization's logo if those are desired.



KEYS TO HEADLINE POSTER ACCEPTANCE - ADMINISTRATIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS FOR POSTER ACCEPTANCE

- Please submit posters in one of the attached PowerPoint template formats, following these instructions. **The appropriately sized PowerPoint template can be accessed [here](#).** This “sizes” the poster for printing in a larger format to be displayed at the Forum*:

Submissions should be designed at a size of 28 inches (width) by 22 inches (height). They must be exported and submitted in PDF format. Please ensure your presentation file is set to these dimensions prior to export.

In PowerPoint: Go to Design → Slide Size → Custom Slide Size, enter 28 inches for width and 22 inches for height, apply the changes, then go to File → Save As and choose PDF.

In Google Slides: Go to File → Page setup → select Custom, enter 28 inches by 22 inches, click Apply, then go to File → Download → PDF Document (.pdf).

SAVE: Please save your file using the following format: LastName_Organization_Country_2026.pdf

*If necessary, however, the information can be submitted in an email message or Word document for GCNF to format.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS – “FINE PRINT”

- All posters will be reviewed by GCNF, and—if accepted—must be in the GCNF headline poster format. Your submission constitutes approval for GCNF to make minor edits to the text and format as needed.
- Submission constitutes approval for GCNF to display the headline poster at the 2026 Forum and elsewhere as indicated in this document (maintaining the associated citation and/or url at all times).
- The inclusion of a poster does not imply endorsement nor subject-matter expertise by GCNF; GCNF does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of any information presented in the submission.
- GCNF is not responsible for presenters' attendance at the Forum. Presenters who choose to attend (and we hope you will!) are responsible for their own travel, lodging, and registration costs, and for some meals.
- Acceptance of the poster may or may not result in an opportunity to present the poster or related information in a Forum plenary or workshop session.



POSTER DISPLAY OPTIONS – MORE “FINE PRINT”

SUBMISSIONS TO GCNF CONSTITUTE THE SUBMITTING ENTITY’S AWARENESS OF AND AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Depending on the options available at the Forum venue, GCNF may post the accepted posters in a Forum conference room or exhibit area.
- The accepted posters may (also or uniquely) be presented in a slide show shown between Forum sessions.
- The accepted posters may be displayed on GCNF’s website, on the Forum web page, in other presentations or documents, or otherwise (with citation and/or url to identify its source).
- The display options above may be used by GCNF with or without the presence of the researcher/presenter/representative of the organization submitting the poster.
- GCNF cannot guarantee the accuracy of any translation of posters submitted.

EXAMPLES AND TEMPLATE

[CLICK HERE FOR EXAMPLES AND SIZED TEMPLATE](#)