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BHF Oxford CRE Annual Research Symposium 2026 on Tuesday 17th November

Venue: Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates.

Call for poster abstracts, deadline Tuesday 29th September 2026 (12 noon)

Poster abstract submission guidelines

- Abstracts must be submitted using the [Word template](#) provided, limited to one A4 page. Please adhere to the set margins and font size, and submit as a Word document (not PDF)
- State the abstract title, followed by authors' names and departmental affiliations
- Indicate the presenting author using an asterisk and whether they are a DPhil student or postdoc and whether clinical / non-clinical. DPhil students please indicate the year you will be in at the time of presentation (eg 1st, 2nd, 3rd, final year).
- Abstracts should include these clearly identified sections: *research rationale* (written for a non-specialist audience), *methodology*, *results* and *conclusions*
- Citations in the text should be numbered sequentially and kept to a minimum
- A figure should be included if appropriate (but must be included in the A4 page allocation)
- Email abstracts to BHFCREabstracts@rdm.ox.ac.uk

Abstracts are selected for poster presentations on the basis of quality and overall balance shown across the BHF Oxford CRE [Three Themes](#) and associated subthemes. Poster presenters will have the chance to present their poster to judges through the **online poster competition** during week commencing **Monday 26th October**. A number of poster authors will be chosen to give brief oral presentations ('flash' presentations) of their poster as part of the in-person symposium on **17th November 2026**, in addition to presenting their poster.

Posters and flash presentations process

- (1) Poster abstracts to be submitted by: **Tuesday 29th September 2026 (12 noon)**
- (2) Working in pairs, judges will be responsible for reviewing and assessing up to 10 posters each pair.
- (3) Judges will invite poster authors to present their posters during the week commencing **26th October 2026** during an online poster presentation competition. The competition will allow all poster presenters a fair and equal opportunity to discuss their poster directly with the poster judges during a 10-minute slot.
- (4) Poster judging will take place at the time of the online poster presentation competition. There will be prizes for graduate student and non-student poster categories. A selection of poster authors will be chosen to give flash talks at the symposium on **17th November 2026**. Prize winners will be announced, and prizes presented, at the symposium.
- (5) All authors that present to judges at the virtual poster presentation competition are also invited to present their full posters at the symposium.

We are limited in the number of posters we can review and display and request that within large research groups there is a selection process, so that a maximum of two abstracts in total are submitted from the group (three in exceptional circumstances). As in previous years for graduate students, priority will be given to DPhil students who are in their **final year**.

Symposium posters are judged by the following criteria:

- Innovation and impact of the research presented
- Excellence of presentation of the work and results
- Clarity of discussion between the presenting author and the poster judges

Any questions should be directed to [Tracey Marr](#).