



# 67<sup>th</sup> Annual *Drosophila* Research Conference

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 6, 2026**

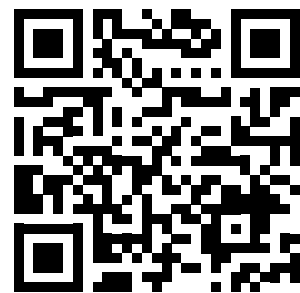
Poster only abstract submission

**January 15, 2026**

Early registration deadline

**February 3, 2026**

Hotel reservation deadline



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## ABSTRACT TOPICS

- Cell biology: cytoskeleton, organelles, and trafficking
- Cell division and cell growth
- Cell stress and cell death
- Chromatin, epigenetics, and genomics
- Evolution
- Immunity and the microbiome
- Initiatives in education, pedagogy, engagement, and outreach
- Models of human disease
- Neural circuits and behavior
  - - Neural development and physiology
  - - Patterning, morphogenesis, and organogenesis
  - - Physiology, metabolism, and aging
  - - Regulation of gene expression
  - - Reproduction and gametogenesis
  - - Stem cells, regeneration, and tissue injury
  - - Techniques and technology

## POSTER-ONLY ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DUE JANUARY 6, 2026!

Get direct feedback through one-on-one conversations, build stronger communication skills, grow your confidence, meet potential collaborators, mentors, or employers, and open doors for your academic and professional journey!

**Scientific Organizers:** Daria Siekhaus, co-chair; Pelin Volkan, co-chair; Cassandra Extavour, Rodrigo Fernandez-Gonzalez, Jacob Kagey, and Akhila Rajan