



GUIDELINES

15th ANNUAL MONTANA TECH TECHXPO

Thursday, April 23, 2026



1:00 – 5:30 PM



Montana Tech HPER

Who Can Participate?

- Any student in any degree area who is involved in a research project (i.e., graduate, undergraduate, senior design) at Montana Tech or at the Highlands College is eligible to participate in Techxpo. Students must have their advisor's approval before registering.

Registration Deadline:

- The **deadline** for students to register for Techxpo is **March 5, 2026**. Students must register online by visiting www.mtech.edu/techxpo and clicking on Student Registration.

Categories:

- Projects will be divided between three categories: 1 semester projects, 2 semester projects, and graduate projects.
- Students can request various items for their display, including a table, chairs, electricity, etc. Each department will need to supply their students with any laptops, projectors, and/or screens.

NEW! Communications Seminar:

- Techxpo participants will be required to attend a Communications Seminar on Thursday, March 12 at 5:00 pm in the Copper Lounge. This 1-hour seminar will focus on improving your communication skills and will provide instructions on how to communicate your work to a non-scientific audience without the use of "intense" technical jargon. Students will learn how to be effective communicators, the art of the 5-minute pitch, and how to close the loop in a business setting. This lecture will also be recorded and posted to the Techxpo website so that students who are unable to attend in person will be able to view at a later time.

Judging/Prizes:

- Projects will be divided into three categories (1 semester projects, 2 semester projects, and graduate projects). A first-place cash award will be given in each category. In addition, three Chancellor Awards

will be awarded: one based on innovation (novel solution) and the other based on professionalism (leadership, management, solution), and a third on scientific insight.

- Only those projects with students in attendance will be judged. Judging will take place from 1:15 – 4:15 pm. For projects with multiple student participants (teams), **only one student per team is required for judging**. Judging will be conducted by industry professionals. Each project will be visited by two judges.

Poster Printing:

- **IMPORTANT!** Poster templates and/or instructions on creating your poster are available on the Techxpo website (www.mtech.edu/techxpo) under Poster Printing. Please contact Donna at x4262 or email her at dconrad@mtech.edu if you have any questions.
- All posters will be printed for free on campus providing that they have a white background (no posters with a colored background will be printed) and meet the size requirements of 36" x 48".
- Posters can be printed by contacting the following individual:
 - Donna Conrad (x4262). Posters need to be generated in Microsoft PowerPoint and saved as a PDF.
- Poster printing times must be scheduled in advance with the previously-listed individuals. **The last day to print a poster will be Friday, April 17, 2026**. If a student misses the printing deadline, they will need to have their poster printed at an off-campus facility and incur the expense.

Event Set-up:

- **Set-up for Techxpo will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, from 3:30 – 6:00 pm, ONLY!** All posters will be displayed on easels so set up will be very simple. No day-of-event set-up will be allowed.

Questions: Contact Susie Anderson at 496-4311 or suanderson@mtech.edu.