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The American Coatings Association (ACA), in partnership with Vincentz Network (VN), is pleased to announce the official Call for Papers for oral presentations at the 2026 American Coatings Conference (ACC). ACA and VN are seeking abstract submissions for research and technology to be presented at this premier technical event for the coatings industry, from May 5–7, 2026, taking place concurrently with the American Coatings Show (ACS) at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Ind.

With a focus on scientific advancements and innovative technologies, the 2026 ACC will serve as a dynamic platform for researchers, scientists, and industry experts from around the world to present original, high-level technical research that addresses the evolving needs of the global coatings community.

Submissions are invited for *previously unpublished*, original research abstracts in all areas of coatings technology. Submissions should focus on new ideas, innovation, and their potential contributions and technical value for the industry. All abstracts will be reviewed by the conference program committee. Abstract submissions will be accepted through the online portal through **October 2, 2025**.

Topics of interest include the following:

- Adhesives and sealants
- Architectural coatings (interior and exterior)
- Automotive coatings (OEM and refinish)
- Bio-based coatings
- Coatings application technology
- Coatings production technology
- Coatings on plastics
- Digitalization and AI
- Epoxy coatings
- Functional coatings
- Grinding, dispersing and stabilization
- Industrial coatings
- Measurement and testing

- Printing inks and roll-to-roll manufacturing
- Polyurethanes and other crosslinking chemistries
- Powder coatings
- Protective coatings (marine and corrosion protection)
- Powder coatings
- Radiation-cured coatings
- Water-based coatings
- Wood coatings

All accepted presenters must register and attend the conference to be included in the final program. Oral presentations will be allocated 25 minutes, followed by a 5-minute Q&A.

All abstracts should be submitted by October 2, 2025, via:

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/78747/submitter>. Please note: All submitters will need to create an account to access the submission portal.

Important Notes:

- Submitted abstracts and papers for the conference proceedings should be non-commercial and focused on technical/scientific content.
- The use of trade names should be avoided wherever possible.
- All submitted papers will be considered by the conference organizers for possible publication. ACA retains the right of first refusal for publication in an association journal on all presentations accepted for the 2026 American Coatings Conference.

Key Deadlines:

Abstract Submission: **October 2, 2025**

Notification of Acceptance: **November 19, 2025**

Full Paper Submission for Proceedings: **February 20, 2026**

Student Participation

Student participation in the 2026 ACC is highly encouraged. Accepted student abstracts will qualify for travel support and the opportunity to present at dedicated poster sessions, which are designed to foster networking and interactive discussions. A separate call for student papers will be released at a later date.

American Coatings Award

The best paper at the ACC will be awarded the prestigious American Coatings Award, sponsored by ACA and VN. The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash prize and a distinctive sculpture award to celebrate their contribution to coatings science.

For more information on the 2026 American Coatings Conference and Show, please visit <https://www.american-coatings-show.com>.