

NIH Protein Biotechnology Training Program 2026 Symposium: April 2, 2026

“Possibilities & Pivots”

Duration	Event	Speaker
8:30-9:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast	
9:00-9:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Sean Thompson
9:15-9:50 AM	Invited Speaker #1	Dr. Yadira Pérez Páramo , <i>Principal Scientist, Genentech</i> Moderator: Jimena Ruiz
9:50-10:05 AM	Student Speaker #1	Cameron Coyle , “Tick trained immunity hinges upon activated hemocytes” Moderator: Corbin Chapman
10:05-10:25 AM	Coffee Break #1	
10:25-11:00 AM	Invited Speaker #2	Dr. Rey Maktoufi , <i>Science Communicator, National Geographic Explorer</i> Moderator: Pakkanpat Pondipornnont
11:00-11:15 AM	Student Speaker #2	Jeremy Boutin , Characterizing the <i>Cannabis sativa</i> Terpenome Moderator: Jenna Douglas
11:15 AM-12:15 PM	Poster Session #1	
12:15-1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Poster Session #2	
2:00-2:15 PM	Coffee Break #2	
2:15-2:50	Invited Speaker #3	Dr. Jeffrey Scott McLean , <i>Director Microbiome Research Center, Univ. of Washington</i> Moderator: Sinem Ulusan
2:50-3:05 PM	Student Speaker #3	Tia Hoisington , Sperm Histones Regulate Fetal Development and Pregnancy Survival Moderator: Tyler Dabritz
3:05-3:20 PM	Coffee Break #3	
3:20-3:35 PM	Student Speaker #4	Sean Thompson , Defining Human-like Skin: Rete Ridges, Skin Texture, and Thermoregulation Moderator: Dr. Matt Peck
3:35-3:50 PM	Student Speaker #5	Sinem Ulusan , Investigation of humoral immune profiles and their role in attenuated COVID-19 severity among individuals in Kenya Moderator: RJ Flinn
3:50-4:30 PM	Coffee Break #4 / Open Networking Time	
4:30-4:45 PM	Closing Remarks, Poster Awards	