

Day 1 – August 26th 2025

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Symposium Welcome Reception/Dinner/Check-In	Creature Comforts, 271 W Hancock Ave

Day 2 – August 27th 2025

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Check In/Breakfast	Special Collections Library – Exhibition Hallway
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks Dr. Anna Stenport, Dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, UGA Dr Harshavardhan Thippareddi, CAES Associate Dean for Research, UGA	

Session 1:Engineering Regulation: Single Genes to Multi-Gene Networks

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	Gözde Demirer, Caltech
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Brad Nelms, Plant Biology, UGA
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Peggy Ozias-Akins, Horticulture, UGA
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Sonali Quantius, Inari
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Kelly Dawe, UGA
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Bob Schmitz, Genetics, UGA
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Trainee Lightning Talks

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch	Special Collections Library – Exhibition Hallway
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Session 2: Functional Molecules and Metabolisms

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Wolfgang Busch, HPI, Salk Inst.	Special Collections Library Room 285
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	CJ Tsai, Forestry, UGA	
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Yajun Yan, BEBL, UGA	
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Break	
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Ryan Nett, MCB, Harvard Univ	
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Chenxin Li, CAGT, UGA	
3:30 AM – 3:45 PM	Bree Urbanowicz, CCRC, UGA	

	Panel Discussion: Innovating Bioproducts–Food, Feed, Fuel, Fibers and BeyondModerator:	
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Anumantha Kanthasamy	
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Student Poster Setup	Special Collections Library – Exhibition Hallway
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner	Special Collections Library – Room 285
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Student Poster Competition and Evening Social	Special Collections Library – Exhibition Hallway

Day 3 – August 28th 2025

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast	Special Collections Library – Exhibition Hallway
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Session 3: Designing Organism-Environment Interactions and Resiliency

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	Yumin Tao, CSO, Living Carbon	Special Collections Library Room 285
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Robin Buell, CAGT, UGA	
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Wayne Parrott, IPBGG, UGA	
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Coffee Break	
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Ellen Rim, UC-Davis	
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Melissa Mitchum, Plant Pathology, UGA	
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Yasuo Yoshikuni, JGI, LBL, DOE	

	Panel Discussion: Emerging Global Challenges and Synthetic Biology SolutionsModerator:	
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Marshall Shepard	
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Concluding Remarks	

