

University of Memphis Biomaterials Day

March 20, 2026

The University of Memphis student chapter for BMES/SFB hosted Biomaterials Day at the FedEx Institute of Technology on UofM campus on March 20, 2026. The event consisted of a keynote address, faculty presentations, Industry presentations, poster presentations, and 3MT presentations. We have hosted over 30 students from UofM, University of Missouri, Harding, Mississippi State, and the University of Kentucky. Prizes were awarded to the best and second best student poster and 3MT presentations.

Sponsors and Funding Sources:

- SFB: \$2,500
- UofM BME Department: \$500
- UofM Honors College: \$500
- Medtronic: \$1,000
- Semmes Murphey: \$500
- Total: \$5,000

Major Expenses:

- Venue: \$450
- Food: \$1,705.76
- AV technicians: \$610
- Parking: \$60
- Awards: \$300
- Total: \$3,125

Speakers:

Keynote

- Dr. Issac Rodriguez, Co-founder and CSO of SweetBio

Faculty Presentations

- Dr. Gary Bowlin, Chair BME, University of Memphis
- Dr. Jessica Jennings, Professor of BME, University of Memphis
- Dr. Carlton Hayes, Professor of BME, University of Memphis
- Dr. Stephanie Ivey, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Memphis

Industry Speaker

- Dr. Ruxandra Marinescu, Early Innovation Lead, Ortho R&D, Smith & Nephew

3MT Presentations

- S-Sina Mohammadi, Missouri S&T
- Farhan Azim, University of Memphis
- Kashta Dozier-Muhammad, University of Memphis

- Benjamin Agyemang, University of Memphis
- Evan Main, University of Memphis
- Alexandra Snyder, University of Memphis

Poster Presentations

- Onyinyechukwu Okoli, University of Memphis
- Sunjeev Phull, Missouri S&T
- John Waldo, University of Missouri
- Art Tubbs, University of Memphis
- Madiha Syeda, Rice University
- Alejandra Amaya, Mississippi State University
- Samantha Hall, University of Memphis
- Hannah Henson, Mississippi State University
- Prachi Pannu, Mississippi State University
- Darya Pirmohammadi, University of Missouri