

SURA 2026 Symposium

Innovation in Data Science Research

Monday, February 23rd, Day 1

8:30-9:00 AM	Breakfast and Registration
9:00-9:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Dr. Sean Hearne , President and CEO of SURA
9:15-10:15 AM	Opening Keynote Address: Future Vision for Data Science Research Speaker: Dr. Chaitanya Baru , Section Head for Emerging Technologies in the Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships, NSF
10:15-10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM-12:15 PM	Panel Discussion: Emerging Frontiers in Data Science Research Moderator: Dr. Alina Zare , Director, Artificial Intelligence and Informatics Research Institute, University of Florida Speakers: Dr. Tanja Horn , Professor of Physics, Catholic University of America; Dr. Anuj Karpatne , Associate Professor of Computer Science; Virginia Tech; Dr. Michael Williams , Deputy Director of the NSF AI Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Interactions, MIT
12:15-1:30 PM	Networking Lunch
1:30-3:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Department of Energy Priorities in Data Science Research Moderator: Dr. Amber Boehnlein , Associate Director and CIO of Computational Science and Technology, Jefferson Laboratory Speakers: Dr. Jens Dilling , Laboratory Director, Jefferson Laboratory; Dr. Shantenu Jha , Head of Computer Science Department, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory; Dr. Laura Biven , Chief Data Officer, Jefferson Laboratory
3:00-3:30 PM	Break
3:30-4:30 PM	Breakout Sessions: AI + Ethics: A collective conversation on AI and Ethics in your research Discussion on JLab's Participation in DOE's Genesis Mission Workforce Development Efforts at JLab
4:30-5:00 PM	Closing Remarks, Day 1

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Tuesday, February 24th, Day 2

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| 8:30-9:00 AM | Breakfast and Networking |
| 9:00-10:30 AM | <p>Panel Discussion: Effective Public/Private Partnerships
Moderator: Dr. Vasileios Maroulas, Associate Vice Chancellor and Director of the AI Tennessee Initiative, University of Tennessee
Speakers: Dr. Jamie Winterton, Chief Research Officer, Boston Fusion Corp;
Dr. Brynn Voy, Interim Executive Director, University of Tennessee-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute; Dr. Adrian Del Maestro, Professor and Head of the Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Tennessee</p> |
| 10:30-11:00 AM | Break |
| 11:00-12:30 PM | <p>Panel Discussion: Innovation in Workforce Development
Moderator: Dr. Dan Miller Runfola, Chair of Data Science, William & Mary
Speakers: Dr. Joseph Glover, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Florida; Dr. Chrysoula Malogianni, Senior Associate Vice President of Digital Innovation & Chief Digital Experience Officer, Old Dominion University; Dr. Alyson Wilson, Vice Provost for Research, William and Mary</p> |
| 12:30-1:30 PM | Networking Lunch |
| 2:00 PM | Optional Tour of Jefferson Laboratory |