

Guidelines for Submitting an Abstract for CMAS 2026

Invitation to submit

The CMAS 2026 organising committee is calling for abstract submission for a variety of presentation types. Authors may request a specific format (oral presentation, poster, case study) but the final decision will be at the discretion of the organising committee

Selection Criteria

Submitted abstracts will go through a blinded peer-review process carried out by the organising committee. There will be a limited number of free papers accepted, so only on the highest scoring, according to the following criteria, will be accepted. The following criteria will be used to review abstracts:

- Relevance to the conference theme
- Originality
- Methods
- Conclusion
- Presentation

Deadline for abstract submissions is **27th February 2026**

Presentation types

Oral

Presentations will last for 7 minutes each (+ 3 minutes for questions). These sessions will be moderated by a chair who will ensure fair play, good time keeping and will facilitate questions.

Poster

Posters can be any design but must adhere to the size and orientation requirements (details will be given following successful selection). Posters will be displayed over the 2 days of the meeting and presenters will be allocated a slot on the first day when they are expected to be at their poster in order to answer delegate's questions.

Case Studies

Case studies will be given an oral platform lasting for 7 minutes followed by 3 minutes of questions.

Abstract submission conditions

By submitting an abstract, you agree to the following:

- You will submit your abstract via email to the following address:
ssayed@crc.ie as a word document following the structure outlined

below (successful applicants will have the opportunity to proof read their work prior to publication).

- The acceptance of an abstract does not imply provision of travel, accommodation or registration for the conference, nor any other cost associated with attendance to the meeting.
- The presenting author must register and pay to attend the meeting prior to 9th April 2026
- You give permission for your abstract to be published in the meeting booklet.
- You confirm that the submission has been approved by all authors.
- All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed by a panel of reviewers. Accepted abstracts will be allocated in the relevant sessions.

Abstract structure

Oral and poster

- 1) Title of abstract – clearly describes the abstract (max 20 words)
- 2) Names of presenting author and co-authors
- 3) Affiliations to be assigned to each author including:
 - a) Organisation or institution
 - b) City
 - c) Country
- 4) The following makes up the abstract content (max 350 words) and must be structured in the following way:
 - Keywords: use up to 3 words to describe your work
 - Background: What was the context for the study? Why was it important that this project was undertaken?
 - Purpose: What was the major reason for undertaking the project? (A project may be a research study, developing a new or adapted programme, method, theory or resource). Any secondary objectives?
 - Methods: What principles, methods/ methodological approaches, materials did the project involve?
 - Results: Summarise the main findings from the analysis
 - Conclusion(s): what can be concluded from the study? What are the suggestions for future work?
 - Implications: What are the implications of the project and how will the results be translated into practice/management/education/policy

Please note:

- Diagrams, tables and pictures should not appear in abstracts, only text
- The oral and poster abstracts abstract must consist of seven paragraphs labelled: Keywords, Background, Purpose, Method, Results, Conclusion(s) and Implications. Case study abstracts can follow an open format but must adhere to the word limit.
- Please indicate if you would prefer to do Oral /Poster/Case study presentation.
- Do not write any block of text in CAPITAL LETTERS
- The text and the title should be free from abbreviations, except those written in full prior to use. It should concisely address the problem and the purpose of the study.
- Please indicate if your research required ethical approval (not included in word count). If no ethical approval was required, please state the reason.
- All authors names should be on the abstract with the presenting authors names underlined