

CoLab Forum 2026

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts submitted for consideration for oral presentations at the CoLab Forum must follow the guidelines below, and the lead author must be registered to attend the event. Character limits and format requirements will be strictly applied during review.

General requirements

- Maximum 1,800 characters (approximately 300-words) for the main abstract text (excluding title, authors, affiliations, and references)
- Up to 2 references allowed (optional)
- Abstracts must be written in clear English and use consistent spelling (Australian English preferred)
- Do not include tables, figures, or images

Title, authors and affiliations

- Provide a concise, descriptive title (maximum 25 words; sentence case, no abbreviations where possible)
- List all authors in the following order: Given name, Surname
- Mark the presenting author's name with a hash (#); mark the corresponding author with an asterisk (*)
- Provide affiliations for each author, including institution, city, and country, and link authors to affiliations using superscript numbers if needed
- Include a contact email address for the presenting author

Abstract structure

Use the following headings within the 1,800-character limit:

- **Background and Aim:** Brief context and rationale for the work. Clear statement of the objective(s)
- **Methods and Results:** Summary of research design, methods and key findings
- **Conclusion:** Main take-home message and implications for practice, policy, research, or lived experience

References

- Up to 2 references may be included, in a simple, consistent format (e.g. authors, year, journal and DOI)
- References are not counted in the 1,800-character limit

Submission

Abstracts are to be submitted by 22 February 2026 via the CoLab Forum 2026 registration and abstract submission portal at: <https://www.cccolab.org.au/event/colab-forum-2026>