

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS OF POSTER EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

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ABSTRACT

This document provides instructions for producing an extended abstract for a poster presentation at the 2026 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC) with Microsoft Word. It also serves as a sample file that you can edit to produce your submission. Please follow the guidelines herein when preparing your poster abstract. Failure to do so may result in a poster being rejected, returned for appropriate revision, or edited without your prior knowledge.

1 INTRODUCTION

This paper provides instructions for preparing an extended abstract for a poster presentation at the 2026 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC) with Microsoft Word. **The easiest way to write an extended abstract using Microsoft Word that complies with the requirements is to use the WSC26_InstructionsForAuthors_ExtendedAbstract.docx template file.** Do not use an older version, *as some specifications have changed.*

2 LENGTH AND CONTENTS OF EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

The extended abstract is strictly limited to a maximum of 2 pages. The first page of the extended abstract must be formatted the same as a proceedings paper. The title will appear in BOLD UPPERCASE text. The title is followed by the author names and affiliations.

Each extended abstract must include an abstract. The abstract should be at most 150 words. Since abstracts will also appear in the final program, the length limit of 150 words will be strictly enforced. The abstract should consist of a single paragraph and it should not contain references or mathematical symbols. Do not include a list of keywords. Following the abstract, the content of the extended abstract may be broken down into one or more numbered sections with appropriate section titles.

Finally, if appropriate, the extended abstract may have a references section that appears at the end of the document. The references section is not numbered and will count toward the 2-page limit for the extended abstract. Do not insert additional space between references. References have a reduced font of 9 pt and a line spacing of 10.5 pt.

Due to space limitations, extended abstracts will not include author biographies.

3 FORMAT OF EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

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