



Abstract Submission Guidelines

BSA Annual Conference 2026
The University of Edinburgh
Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 April 2026

Abstracts should be submitted via the BSA's online abstract submission process.

Oral Papers (250 word count limit)

The programme stream coordinators will allocate Oral Paper slots after consideration of all accepted abstracts, together with the keywords supplied by authors. **All oral presentations will take place in a paper session (1.5 hours) made up of four Oral presentations. Each Oral presentation will be 20-minute papers so you should plan to speak for **15 minutes and allow 5 minutes for comments and questions**.** All rooms are equipped with a computer, screen, projector and PowerPoint facilities.

Posters (250 word count limit)

The organisers wish to encourage the presentation of suitable material by poster rather than in an oral presentation, and a prominent display area will be available. Further guidance on poster presentations [here](#).

Roundtables (250 word count limit)

As is usual practice at some larger conferences, roundtable sessions are where a number of presentations are given simultaneously at separate tables within a single room. Each table will have a session chair and the papers allocated to it will be grouped by topic areas. All roundtables will take place in a paper session (1.5 hours) made up of four roundtable presentations. Each of the four papers within the roundtable will be allocated a 20 minute slot (15 minutes presentation followed by 5 minutes questions). Computers and PowerPoint will not be available for use during the roundtable sessions, therefore we would encourage presenters to use this as an opportunity to think more creatively about their input at the conference. Further guidance on roundtable sessions is available [here](#).

Special Events (500 word count limit)

Special Event sessions are 1.5hr sessions and may include visual displays, symposia, panels, workshops, roundtable discussions and many more. Please submit your Special Event on the BSA website by choosing your preferred presentation mode from the dropdown menu as 'Special Event'. Further guidance on special events is available [here](#).

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT (ORAL PAPERS, ROUNDTABLE and POSTER PRESENTATIONS)

The presenting author should complete the online submission form.

- You will need to log in or register in order to submit an abstract.
- Visit the [BSA Annual Conference](#) website and click Submit on the right hand side of the page.
- Submit your abstract on the submission page. You can review your abstract, save it and revisit at a later stage. Once submitted successfully, you will receive an email with confirmation of your abstract submission. You can check your MyBSA area under Abstract Submission Details to view the progress of your abstract.
 - Please note only the person who submits the abstract will receive communications regarding the abstract, any co-authors will **not receive** these communications.

- Co-authors will not be listed in the programme grid due to space availability but they will be listed in the abstract book.
- Co-authors that wish to attend and/or present will need to register for the conference.

For any further queries please contact the [BSA Events Team](#).