

CATO Research Symposium 23 June 2026

Instructions for submission of abstracts

Instructions for Abstract Submission

Abstract submissions must not exceed **250 words**. Abstracts exceeding this limit will not be accepted. Please complete the *CATO Research Symposium 2026 Abstract Submission Form* and ensure all sections are filled out, following the guidance below.

Submission Guidelines

- **Title, Authors, and Institutions:** Clearly state the abstract title, along with the names of all authors and their affiliated institutions. The presenting author's name must be in **CAPITAL LETTERS**, and their email and telephone contact details should be provided.
- **Abstract Content:** The abstract should be structured under the following headings: **Background, Aims, Methods, Results, and Conclusion** (250 words maximum, Arial 11 font).
- **Eligibility:** Authors are able to submit abstracts that have been recently presented at national or international meetings, or new abstracts.
- **Presentation Format:** By submitting an abstract, you agree to have it considered for both **oral and poster presentations**. **Ensure that either the lead author or a team member is available to present and answer questions at the symposium on Tuesday, 23 June 2026.**
- **Poster Competition:** Abstracts not selected for an oral presentation will have the opportunity to participate in the **poster competition**.
- **Poster Competition entry:** If your abstract is not selected for an oral presentation, you will be notified and invited to submit a PDF poster. This will be uploaded to the CATO website/Virtual Poster Room and available for viewing from **23 - 30 June 2026**. The poster page will be accessible to all attendees, including those unable to attend. Please ensure your poster complies with copyright regulations and includes your email address so attendees can contact you about your research.
- **Abstract Publication:** All accepted **abstracts will be included in the annual event booklet** unless the author(s) specifically request exclusion.
- **Awards:** Prizes for the **best oral and poster presentations** will be awarded during the symposium and for submitted abstracts.

Submission Deadline

- The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, 15 May 2026, at 17:00 hrs.**
- Abstracts should be submitted via email to: cato@imperial.ac.uk
- Applicants will be notified of the abstract review outcome **by the beginning of June 2026** via email.
- Further instructions regarding poster or presentation preparation will be provided at that time.

For questions about abstract submission or other symposium-related inquiries, please contact the **Imperial College Clinical Academic Training Office (CATO)** at: cato@imperial.ac.uk