

Call For Submissions: IACS Summit 2027

The International Association for Communication and Sport (IACS) invites you to submit your work for a presentation or panel discussion for the 2027 Summit on Communication and Sport at the University Club Portland in Portland, Oregon, USA. Scheduled for March 11-13, the IACS Summit is the only stand-alone conference for communication researchers interested in exploring sport and welcomes submissions from diverse critical, methodological, theoretical, and multi-disciplinary perspectives.

IACS SUMMIT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026 at 11:59pm Eastern US Time /

Friday, Oct. 16, 2026 at 4:59am UTC

The submission site is [available here](#).

As the submitting author, you will be automatically assigned up to five abstracts to review as part of the anonymous review process. If you are not a submitting author but are willing to serve as a reviewer, sign up using the link below in the Reviewer section.

EVALUATION:

All submissions will be evaluated through an anonymous peer review process.

DECISION DEADLINE:

Author(s) will receive email notification regarding the outcome of their submission by Saturday, December 12, 2026.

AUTHOR LIMITS:

A maximum of two (2) submissions in total (papers, panels, or one of each) from a single author will be considered for presentation, regardless of author order.

SESSION INFORMATION:

Research and panel sessions are one hour and fifteen minutes long. Research sessions will be constructed to allow for at least 15 minutes of discussion following the presentations.

Scholars interested in submitting to the 2027 Summit have two options:

1. An extended abstract submission
2. A panel discussion proposal

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

All papers must be original and not simultaneously submitted to another journal or conference. The following submission categories are welcome:

EXTENDED ABSTRACTS:

Extended abstract submissions may not exceed 500 words in length (excluding cover and reference pages) and should be prepared for anonymous peer review (clear of any identifying

information about the author(s)). Here are [tips from Taylor & Francis](#) regarding how to anonymize your document.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS:

Panel Discussions must focus on a clearly defined theme suitable for an interactive discussion format. Submissions must include a title, a description of up to **250 words** explaining the focus and rationale, and **a list of all panelists' institutional or professional affiliations**. Your panel proposal cannot be accepted unless it includes a list of panelists in the proposal. **Panel proposals are not blindly reviewed.**

TOP STUDENT PAPER:

IACS will recognize the Top Student Paper submitted to the Summit with a certificate and a cash award. For award consideration, a full-length manuscript must be submitted to the review committee by **Friday, January 29, 2027**. Students must submit an abstract of their work at the October deadline. Recognition of a Top Student Paper will be determined by anonymous peer review of the submission. **Papers for consideration must be solely authored by the student(s).**

All abstracts, panel proposals, and student papers should be submitted as a Word document or PDF.

REVIEW INFORMATION:

There is only one set of review criteria for extended abstract submission. Regardless of whether an abstract reflects works in-progress or completed papers, all should be submitted as extended abstracts and will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of thesis
- Definition of problem
- Theoretical perspective
- Background; review of the literature
- Research questions/hypotheses and/ or rhetorical/critical argument
- Appropriateness of methodology

REVIEWERS:

Reviewers will be selected from submitting authors and self-nomination through the submission process. Reviewers must have, at minimum, a completed master's degree, and have knowledge in the academic disciplines of communication and sport. Reviewers must identify their area of reviewing expertise (quantitative methodology, qualitative methodology, rhetorical/critical). If you are not a submitting author, [please consider signing up here](#).

SUBMISSION AGREEMENT:

By submitting an abstract or panel to the 2027 Summit on Communication and Sport, you understand that your submission enters you into an obligation to review up to five other submissions. You also understand that you are obligated to attend the Summit, if your submission is accepted. At least one author listed on the paper must attend the Summit. If you

cannot be there to present, it is your responsibility to ensure one of your other authors can be present to share your work. Please be conscientious that last-minute cancellations prevent others from being invited to the Summit to present their work.

AI POLICY FOR SUBMISSIONS:

If Generative AI was used in preparing your submission, this must be disclosed. Authors should not submit to the IACS Summit if AI replaced any core research responsibilities (e.g., coding, original writing, referencing). AI usage should be limited to assistance for enhancing your own original work. See the following guidance from

Sage. <https://www.sagepub.com/journals/editorial-policies/artificial-intelligence-policy>

SUMMIT INQUIRIES:

For questions about submissions, please contact IACS Vice Chair Guy Harrison at gharri37@utk.edu.

For questions about IACS or conference events, please contact IACS Executive Director Lauren Smith at smithlau@rowan.edu.

Visit www.communicationandsport.com to join IACS and to find Summit details (including hotel and registration information) as they become available.