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2027 Congress Abstract Submission FAQ

Answers to the questions we hear most from members preparing individual abstracts and organized sessions.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE	DECISIONS	REGISTER & PAY	CONGRESS
10 Nov 2026, 23:59 UTC	**Early March 2027**	**Early April 2027**	**11–14 July 2027**

SUBMITTING

Where and when do I submit?

Online through Confex by 10 November 2026, 23:59 UTC.

How many abstracts can I submit?

You can be the presenter on a maximum of two: two individual abstracts, two as part of organized sessions, or one of each. There is no limit on being a co-author, moderator, session organizer or discussant.

Do abstracts have to be in English?

Yes. All abstracts must be in English.

Will there be sessions in other languages, or interpretation?

IHEA is exploring interpretation options and the possibility of sessions in languages other than English. More information will be shared closer to the Congress. If you are interested in running a session in another language, please email events@healtheconomics.org.

What counts toward the 500 words?

The abstract body only. The title and keywords don't count. Do not put the title, keywords or authors in the abstract text, as there are separate fields for these. References are counted if included, so we recommend not including them.

Can I include tables, figures or names?

No. Tables and figures will not show in the submission and the review process must be blinded.

What is the Title's word count?

The character count for the Title is 255.

How many keywords?

Three to five. Use all five if you can.

Can I save a draft and come back?

Yes. Confex emails you a login when you start.

How do I know it was submitted?

You'll get a confirmation email. No email means no submission.

How long is an organized session description?

500 words maximum. An organized session must include four to six presentations.

ELIGIBLE RESEARCH

What work is eligible?

Unpublished research, not presented at a past IHEA Congress, that combines health and economics.

Can I submit work in progress?

Yes, if you'll have results by July 2027. Preliminary results are fine in the abstract.

I only have results for one of three countries. What should I submit?

Submit the full study, show the results you have, and note the rest will be presented at the Congress.

Can I submit a paper under journal review, and can I submit a working paper?

Yes, if it isn't published yet.

Is secondary data analysis eligible?

Yes.

Can I publish the full paper if my abstract is accepted?

Yes.

PRESENTERS AND LIMITS

Does moderating or organizing a session count toward the limit?

No, only presenting counts. If you organize a session but don't present in it, it doesn't count toward your two.

Can I list a second moderator?

The submission asks for one moderator. We recommend arranging a backup in case of travel or visa issues.

Is there a maximum number of discussants?

No. Discussants are optional but encouraged. One or two usually works best, so there is still time for presentations and discussion.

Should a senior or junior team member present?

Either. Review is blinded, and we encourage teams to let early-career members be involved.

Can I change the presenter after acceptance?

Yes, up to a deadline a few weeks before the program is final.

What if I submit the same abstract individually and in an organized session?
If the session is accepted, it's presented there. If not, the individual abstract is still considered.

Do my co-authors need to agree to the submission?
Yes. Everyone named on the abstract must agree to the abstract and to it being submitted. For organized sessions, this includes all presenters, the moderator and any discussants. Please confirm with everyone before you submit.

What details do I need for co-authors?
Their name, email address, institution, country of institution and country that co-author most identifies with (e.g. country of birth). If you change the presenter after acceptance, full details for the new presenter are required in the Speaker Centre.

DISCLOSURES AND REVIEW

Where do I disclose AI use and conflicts of interest?
In the Disclosures section of the form, not in the abstract.

What should I say about AI?
Whether you used it, how and for what. You remain responsible for the work.

What is a conflict of interest?
Any financial or professional tie that could appear to influence your research, such as industry funding. If in doubt, declare it.

Will reviewers see my conflict of interest declaration?
No. Only the Scientific Committee Chairs review declarations. A conflict generally won't exclude a paper, but you will need to declare it fully in your presentation.

Do I need ethics approval?
Yes, for human subjects research.

Do I need a reflexivity statement?
Yes, if the presenter is not from the country where the research was undertaken.

How should I choose fields?
Pick one primary field and up to three sub-fields. For example, Field 6 (Economic evaluation) with sub-field 6.1 (Cost effectiveness analysis). These decide who reviews your abstract. See the **2027 fields and sub-fields list**.

How is my abstract reviewed?
At least three expert reviewers score it from 1 to 10. Program Chairs recommend, and the Scientific Committee Chairs make final decisions.

How competitive is it?
On average we see 50-60% of individual abstract and organized session abstract submissions accepted. Only about 25-30% are accepted as long orals.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

When will I hear?
Early March 2027.

Are there posters?
No. All accepted abstracts are oral presentations, either long orals (15 minutes) or Flash Orals (5 minutes).

How long is a long oral?
15 minutes. Long oral sessions group about five presentations.

What is a Flash Oral?
A 5-minute presentation using one of two templates: 5 slides at 1 minute each, or 15 slides at 20 seconds each. Flash Oral sessions have about 12 to 13 presentations.

How long is an organized session?
The program is still being built, so timings may change. As a guide, organized sessions at the 2025 Congress ran for 90 minutes.

What do I need to do once accepted?
Register by the presenter deadline, confirm your funding, and apply for a visa if needed. You need to register and pay by early April 2027 to be included in the program.

FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITIES

How do I apply for funding?
Tick the funded delegate checkbox when you submit your abstract.

Who gets priority?
Presenters from low- and middle-income countries and early career researchers.

What does funding cover?
Partial support, usually early-bird registration and/or accommodation. Funding is very limited. It is recommended to also find funding from other sources.

When will I hear about funding?
Within a week of abstract decisions, which are expected around 3 March 2027.

Are there prizes?
Yes, the Wagstaff Award (see below) and a prize for the best Flash Oral presentation.

Are there opportunities for early-career researchers?
Yes, an ECR pre-congress session on 10 July 2027 and a mentoring lunch will be held at the Congress. There is also the Wagstaff Award which is eligible for ECRs from LMICs. You can opt-in to be considered while completing the abstract submission form.

Ready to submit?
Abstracts close 10 November 2026 at 23:59 UTC. Questions: **events@healtheconomics.org**

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT