

2026 Research Symposium and ACPIC: From Concept to Care

Call for Abstracts

The Australasian College of Paramedicine (the College) is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the Australasian College of Paramedicine International Conference (ACPIC26) and the 2026 Research Symposium.

In 2026, the Research Symposium will be delivered as part of ACPIC26, providing delegates with the opportunity to participate in additional learning and research-focused sessions prior to the main conference.

This year, the event will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre in South Australia.

- The 2026 Research Symposium will be held on Tuesday 15 September 2026.
- ACPIC26 will follow on Wednesday – Friday, 16 – 18 September 2026.

2026 Research Symposium

The 2026 Research Symposium aims to educate, foster, and support emerging researchers in paramedicine. The symposium welcomes abstract submissions from early career researchers, undergraduate students, and higher degree research candidates.

To maintain the symposium's focus on supporting emerging researchers, abstract submissions are encouraged from individuals with less than five years of research experience. Researchers with more than five years of research experience are asked to submit their work to ACPIC26, which provides a more appropriate platform for sharing research with the broader paramedicine community.

ACPIC26

ACPIC26 brings together individuals and organisations with an interest in paramedicine. Attendees include paramedics and other health professionals, researchers, educators, leaders, policymakers, and health service administrators.

Reflecting the theme From Concept to Care, ACPIC26 will showcase research, innovation, education, and clinical practice that translate knowledge into real-world impact. The conference provides an opportunity to share evidence, explore new ideas, and collaborate on solutions that strengthen paramedicine and improve care for the communities we serve.

Abstract Submission Key Dates

The submission timeline is as follows:

OPEN: Thursday 30 April 2026

CLOSE: Sunday 24 May 2026

Successful submissions will be notified in mid-June.

Abstract Submission Categories

You are invited to submit your abstract for consideration in the following presentation formats for both ACPI26 and the 2026 Research Symposium:

- Oral presentation (10 minutes) only
- Poster presentation only
- Either an oral presentation or a poster presentation

Please note: If you select either, your abstract will first be considered for an oral presentation. If it is not successful, it will automatically be considered for a poster presentation.

Abstract Submission Options

You may choose to have your abstract considered for:

- The 2026 Research Symposium only
- ACPI26 only
- Either the 2026 Research Symposium or ACPI26

Please note: If you select either, your abstract will be reviewed for both the 2026 Research Symposium and ACPI26.

- Abstracts accepted for oral presentation will be allocated to the program that best aligns with the submission.
- Abstracts accepted for poster presentation will be displayed throughout both the 2026 Research Symposium and ACPI26.

Abstract Submission Information

When preparing your abstract, please consider the following:

- Abstracts will only be accepted through the [electronic abstract submission system](#).
- Abstracts will be assessed by the reviewer team and the organising committee.
- The presenting author must be fully registered for the conference and willing to purchase a ticket to attend and present in person. For international abstract submitters, please get in touch with us if you are not able to present in person for this event.
- Abstracts from accepted ACPIC26 oral presentations will be published in the College's journal, *Paramedicine*.
- The three best oral presentation abstracts will be selected to present in the 'Research Plenary' session.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words (excluding title).
- The main text of the abstract must follow the structure: Title, Introduction, Aims, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
- References are not required in the abstract.
- Do NOT include author/s names or affiliations as part of the submitted abstract as the review process is blinded.
- Ensure all research site information is deidentified.
- Literature reviews with a systematic methodology will be considered.
- Case studies, and research without final results will NOT be considered.

Review Criteria

Submitted abstracts will be assessed by a selected group of independent peer reviewers and the College Research Advisory Committee. Abstracts will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Originality (25%)
- Clarity (25%)
- Methods (25%)
- Contribution to the profession (25%)

Only abstracts that follow the submission guidelines and are received before the submission deadline will be considered.

Awards

Awards will be presented for the best research presentations across several categories.

Travel Grants

The College offers several grants that may assist with the cost of attending ACPIC26 and the 2026 Research Symposium. Follow the links for more information about the [Education Grants](#) and [Research Impact Grants](#) available.

Questions

Questions prior to submission can be directed to research@paramedics.org