

OPORTO BIOMEDICAL SUMMIT

Abstract Submission Regulation and Procedures - Research Paper

Article 1 - Introduction

1. This Professor Corália Vicente Award aims to encourage, recognise and reward students' achievements in Scientific Research.
2. Only **Original Research** or **Meta-analysis Abstracts** will be accepted. Case studies, reviews, systematic reviews and simple literature reviews will not be considered.
3. The official language of the Oporto Biomedical Summit (OBS) is **English**.
4. The abstract must focus on themes belonging to the **biomedical field** concerning **human health**. No further restrictions are to be applied.

Article 2 - Authors

1. Each Original Research work **may have several authors**, but an abstract may **only be submitted once**, by one of its authors.
2. A student may be simultaneously the first author of one abstract and a co-author of one or more abstracts; however, each participant will only be able to present one abstract **as first author**, i.e., each participant may **only submit a single abstract for consideration as first author**.
3. The first author must be, by the time of this contest (school year 2025/26), an **undergraduate student** (of any field of study). Note that the abstracts submitted must reflect work conducted **in the last five years**, during their **bachelor's degree**, addressing topics related to **human health**.
 - a. The **exceptions** to point 3 that also can participate are **integrated MSc (4th and 5th years), medical students (clinical years) and former medical students who graduated (MD) in 2025**.
4. The Organising Committee of VI Oporto Biomedical Summit (henceforth presented as OC) may contact the participants at any time during the course of the competition to confirm they fulfill all the requirements.
5. **Co-authors may attend the conference as Non-Presenting Students.** Co-authors may also present the work, in case of first-author unavailability, but **the prize will be attributed to the author that has submitted the abstract**.

6. **The oral presentations will be held in person**, so the author is required to be at the congress venue and to present their work at the time appointed by the OC.

Article 3 - Submission Procedure

1. Abstracts should be submitted via [Google Forms](#), whose link will be available on OBS social media, **from October 17th , 2025, to January 30th, 2026**.
2. Along with the abstract submission, the participant also has to submit the **Conflict of Interests Declaration** or the **Exemption of Conflict of Interests Declaration**. The file will be available for download on the Linktree® on our Facebook®, Instagram® and LinkedIn® pages and later on our website.

Article 4 - Abstract Content

1. The abstract should be submitted with the following information:
 - a. Name of the candidate;
 - b. Affiliation (department, school or college, university and city, should be listed in this order);
 - c. Contacts (email and phone number);
 - d. Abstract (PDF format).
2. The abstract should be structured and contain the following fields:
 - a. Abstract title;
 - b. Author(s);
 - c. Affiliation (department, school or college, university and city, should be listed in this order);
 - d. Keywords (3 to 5);
 - e. Main Body (limit of 400 words);
 - i. Introduction;
 - ii. Objectives;
 - iii. Methods;
 - iv. Results;
 - v. Discussion;

- vi. Conclusion.
- f. References;
- g. Acknowledgements/Funding (optional).
- 3. The main body of the abstract **must not exceed 400 words**. Abstracts that surpass this limit will be penalized (See below: Article 5).
- 4. Abstracts have to be written in **English**. Abstracts written in other languages will not be accepted.

Article 5 - Selection Process

- 1. All the eligible abstracts will be evaluated by a group of experts in the medical field, members of the Scientific Committee, that furtherly will compose the Jury (See below Article 8).
- 2. The abstracts will be given a score (See below Article 5, Point 4) and ranked by the group of experts. **The 4 best works will be admitted** and the selected authors must present an **Oral Presentation** on a schedule between 20th and 22nd March, 2026, to be confirmed later.
- 3. This selection process will take place **between the Abstract Submission closure date on January 30th and February 15th, 2026**.
- 4. Each abstract will be scored out of **80 points** (10 points per each of the following criteria):
 - a. Project relevance and innovation;
 - b. Introduction background and context of the work;
 - c. Impact of the research work;
 - d. Formulation of the work's objectives;
 - e. Suitability of the methodology used;
 - f. Consistency of the results;
 - g. Relevance and suitability of the conclusions, according to the work submitted;
 - h. Quality of English writing.
- 5. The main body of the abstract must not exceed **400 words**. Abstracts that surpass this limit will be penalized proportionally, according to the following criteria:

- a. 401 to 450 words: - 5 points;
- b. 451 to 500 words: - 10 points;
- c. 501 or more words: - 15 points.

6. The applicants will be notified of the selection decision by **February 18th, 2026**, stating whether their abstract was accepted for the Oral presentations.

Article 6 - Poster

- 1. The participants must create a **Scientific Poster** about their Original Research or Meta-analysis, so that the OC can share the posters on OBS social media during the previous days of the congress.
 - a. If the participant doesn't submit the Poster in time (See below Article 6, Point 4) or if the Poster doesn't fulfill all the requisites on Points 2 and 3 of this article, they will be disqualified.
- 2. The poster should be written in **English**.
- 3. The poster should include the author(s)' name(s) and affiliation(s) and have the following format: title, introduction, objectives, methods, results, discussion and conclusion.
- 4. The participants should **submit a digital file of the Poster in PDF format** to scientific.obs@gmail.pt **before March 14th at 11:59 PM**.

Article 7 – Oral Presentations

- 1. The Oral Presentations will take place between 20th and 22nd March 2026, with the exact date and venue to be confirmed.
- 2. The presenting students should send their digital presentation until **March 14th at 11:59 PM** to scientific.obs@gmail.pt.
- 3. Presentations whether in **PDF** or **Microsoft® PowerPoint** format are accepted. The file of the presentation should be named as follows: **Presenting student identification number - Title - Name**, e.g., "1 - A peculiar form of peripheral neuropathy; familiar atypical generalized amyloidosis with special involvement of the peripheral nerves. - Corino de Andrade".
- 4. The presentations will be held in **English**.

5. The total duration of each presentation is **10 minutes, comprising 7 minutes for the student's presentation and 3 minutes for open discussion**. Please **do not exceed** the maximum time. A timer will be visible just for you so that you can easily manage your presentation time and avoid surpassing the established limit.
6. The time of the student's presentation must not exceed **7 minutes**. Presentations that surpass this limit will be penalized proportionally, according to the following criteria:
 - a. 7 to 8 minutes: - 5 points;
 - b. 8 to 9 minutes: - 10 points;
 - c. 9 or more minutes: - 15 points;
 - d. If 15 minutes are reached, the participant will not be able to continue the presentation.
7. Each presentation will be evaluated by the **Jury**, who will score all the Oral Presentations.
 - a. The presentations will be evaluated to a maximum of **80 points** (10 points per each of the following criteria):
 - i. Project relevance and innovation;
 - ii. Impact of the research work;
 - iii. Formulation of the work's Objectives;
 - iv. Suitability of the methodology used;
 - v. Consistency of the Results;
 - vi. Relevance and suitability of the Conclusions, according to the work submitted;
 - vii. Quality of spoken and written English;
 - viii. Overall performance throughout the presentation, and the structure and global visual organisation of the slide presentation.
 - b. The final score will be **the average of scores** given by each member of the Jury.

Article 8 - Jury

1. The Jury is composed of the Oporto Biomedical Summit Scientific Committee, which includes experts in the medical field, including healthcare professionals and researchers.
 - a. The full **composition of the Jury** will be announced on our platforms (Facebook®, Instagram®, LinkedIn® and website).
2. Jury members cannot be authors of the abstracts submitted for competition. If they are co-authors of any of the works submitted, they cannot evaluate it. Those cases have to be stated in the **Conflict of Interests Declaration** and other members of the Jury will be selected to score those submissions.
3. The Jury's decision is sovereign and cannot be appealed.

Article 9 - Registration as Presenting Student

1. After the candidates are informed that they will be Presenting Students, they have a week to register in OBS as a Presenting Student and to pay its fee.
 - a. Any selected student who does not register or pay the chosen ticket fee will be **declassified** and another student will take their place.
2. The participants will have a **25% discount** on the ticket fee regardless of the modality they choose.
 - a. The refunding of the corresponding value will be assured after the congress has ended.
3. If the Presenting Student chooses to attend the Gala Dinner, they will pay the full price stated for those activities.

Article 10 - Prizes

1. The **first prize** will be awarded to the participant with the **highest score reached in the Oral Presentation**, according to the Jury's evaluation.
2. **Honourable Mentions** may be attributed by the Jury, according to the Jury's evaluation.
3. The **monetary prize** (first prize) is going to be 500 euros.
4. **Certificates of Presentation** will be provided to all Presenting Students, as

long as their work is not disqualified.

5. The results will be announced publicly during the Award Session on **March 22nd, 2026**.
 - a. If the candidate is not present to receive the prize, they should claim it until 20 (twenty) working days post the announcement.
6. Other non-monetary prizes may be added and attributed to the participants.
7. This article may sustain further alterations regarding the baseline prizes awarded.

Article 11 - Final Provisions

1. The OC reserves the right to reject papers at any time proving that the work is not original.
2. The OC reserves the right to reject papers that do not fulfill the aforementioned conditions.
3. The Oporto Biomedical Summit may update the Abstract Submission Regulation and Procedures at any time.
4. It will be up to the OC to solve any issues that are not addressed in this regulation.

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