

2026 Bright Start International Conference

Early Years Excellence in Practice

Poster Submission Guidelines

The **2026 Bright Start International Conference** invites educators, researchers, policymakers, educational leaders, foundations, NGOs, innovators, and international organisations to submit posters showcasing research, innovative practice, policy initiatives, partnerships, and emerging approaches advancing education and development for children aged **0–8 years**.

The **Global Research & Innovation Poster Gallery** is one of the Conference's principal knowledge exchange and networking activities, providing an international platform for authors to share their work, engage with delegates from **across the world**, and establish new collaborations.

The Conference will be hosted simultaneously in **London** and **Abu Dhabi**, with worldwide live participation. Accepted posters will be presented in **digital format** and integrated into the **Conference App**, ensuring visibility before, during, and for three months following the Conference.

1. Participation Format

At the time of application, authors are asked to indicate whether they intend to participate:

- **Online**
- **In Person – London**
- **In Person – Abu Dhabi**

Online Poster Authors (Thursday, 19 November 2026)

Online poster authors will participate in dedicated moderated Poster Sessions taking place during **the Conference's fully online opening day**.

Each online poster author will:

- Present a **3–5-minute overview** of their poster.
- Participate in a moderated discussion and question-and-answer session.
- Join the session through **Zoom**, integrated within the Conference App.
- Have their poster included in the **Official Conference Programme** and the **Conference App**, remaining available before, during, and for three months following the Conference.

In-Person Poster Authors (Friday & Saturday)

Authors presenting in **London** or **Abu Dhabi** will participate in the **Global Research & Innovation Poster Gallery**.

Accepted posters will:

- Be displayed digitally throughout the Conference.
- Be available through the Conference App.
- Form part of the **Official Conference Programme**.
- Be showcased during the scheduled **Poster Viewing & Meet the Authors** sessions, providing delegates with dedicated opportunities to discuss the work directly with the authors.

Detailed display schedules and author participation arrangements will be provided to accepted authors prior to the Conference.

2. Poster Author Registration

Upon acceptance, poster authors are required to register at the applicable Conference registration rate.

As with Conference Speakers and General Participants, registration provides full access to the Conference programme, networking activities, the Conference App, and all associated participant benefits.

At least **one (1)** author must be registered for the Conference (online or in person).

A maximum of four (4) authors may be listed per poster.

Where multiple authors are listed, at least two (2) authors must be registered participants.

3. Travel & Accommodation

Authors attending in person are responsible for arranging and covering their own travel and accommodation expenses.

The Conference does not provide travel grants or financial assistance towards registration fees, travel, or accommodation.

4. Poster Submission Procedure

To ensure inclusion within the **Global Research & Innovation Poster Gallery**, authors are required to submit their final poster in accordance with the specifications below.

Submission Format

- High-resolution PDF

Submission Deadline

23 October 2026

Submission Email

conference@brightstartfoundation.org

Email Subject

Poster Submission – SURNAME

File Name

FirstName_LastName_Poster.pdf

Example:

Jane_Doe_Poster.pdf

The version received by the submission deadline will be considered the final version. Late or non-compliant submissions may not be included within the Global Research & Innovation Poster Gallery.

5. Poster Overview

The Poster Overview submitted through the Poster Author Submission Form will appear:

- in the **Official Conference Programme**;
- within the dedicated **Poster Page** in the Conference App; and
- alongside the poster title and author information.

The overview should provide delegates with a concise summary of the poster while encouraging further discussion and networking.

6. Poster Content

Posters should clearly communicate:

- Title
- Author(s) and affiliation(s)
- Background / Context
- Objectives
- Methods or Approach (where applicable)
- Key Findings or Contributions
- Implications for early childhood education (0–8 years)
- References (where applicable)

7. Poster Design & Technical Specifications

As posters will be displayed digitally, authors should design their posters specifically for **digital screen viewing**.

File Specifications

- High-resolution PDF
- Portrait orientation (recommended)
- A0 aspect ratio (recommended)
- High-quality images, charts, and graphics suitable for digital display

Design Recommendations

- Minimum 24-point body text
- Clear section headings
- Strong visual hierarchy
- High contrast between text and background
- Effective use of visuals while avoiding excessive text

No printed posters or mounting boards will be required.

8. Poster Viewing & Meet the Authors

The **Poster Viewing & Meet the Authors** sessions form part of the official Conference Programme.

During these scheduled networking sessions:

- Poster authors will be available **within or close to their allocated digital display area**.
- Delegates will have dedicated opportunities to discuss posters, ask questions, exchange ideas, and establish new collaborations.
- Accepted posters will be displayed digitally within the **Global Research & Innovation Poster Gallery** throughout the Conference.

Detailed display schedules, screen allocations, and author participation arrangements will be communicated to accepted authors prior to the Conference.

9. Conference App

All accepted posters will receive a dedicated **Poster Page** within the Conference App, providing delegates with easy access to poster information, supporting resources, author profiles, and networking opportunities. Each poster page may include:

- Poster title
- Author profile
- Organisation
- Poster overview
- Poster PDF
- Supporting resources
- Organisation website (where provided)
- Project website (where provided)
- Professional networking links (where provided)

The Conference App will enable delegates to:

- View posters before, during, and for three months after the Conference.
- Download supporting materials.
- Contact authors directly through the App.
- Continue professional discussions and networking following the Conference.

Poster authors are encouraged to keep their profile and supporting information up to date within the Conference App prior to the Conference to maximise visibility and networking opportunities.

10. Inclusion in the 2026 Conference Proceedings

Accepted poster authors are invited to submit a structured **Presentation Summary** for publication in the **2026 Bright Start International Conference Proceedings (ISBN 978-2-8399-5151-7)**.

Presentation Summaries must be submitted no later than:

23 October 2026

Submission of a poster alone does not automatically guarantee inclusion in the Conference Proceedings.

Full **Presentation Summary Guidelines** are available at:

<https://conferencebrightstartfoundation.org/submission-guidelines>

11. Permissions & Copyright

By submitting a poster, authors grant permission for:

- Digital display during the Conference.
- Inclusion within the Conference App.
- Inclusion within the Official Conference Programme.
- Use in Conference communications, promotional materials, and Conference-related publications, **unless otherwise indicated by the author in the Poster Author Submission Form.**

Authors remain responsible for ensuring that all submitted material complies with copyright requirements and that any necessary permissions have been obtained.

12. Editorial Responsibility

Posters will be displayed exactly as submitted.

Authors are responsible for ensuring:

- grammatical accuracy;
- clarity of expression;
- completeness of content;
- compliance with these guidelines; and
- submission of the final approved version by the stated deadline.

The Bright Start Foundation reserves the right to contact authors should clarification be required regarding technical specifications or submission requirements.

Bright Start Foundation
Geneva, 23 February 2026