

# 2026 Bright Start International Conference

## Poster Submission Guidelines

The **2026 Bright Start International Conference** invites educators, researchers, innovators, and leaders to submit Posters showcasing research, practice innovations, policy initiatives, and emerging approaches relevant to early childhood and children aged 0–8 years.

Poster presentations provide an opportunity to visually communicate key ideas, findings, and practical insights while engaging with the international conference community.

All posters will be presented **exclusively in digital format**, whether presenters attend in person or online.

At the Conference venue, posters will be displayed on designated digital screens. For online participants, posters will be presented during dedicated Poster Sessions taking place on **Thursday, the fully online Conference day during which all sessions are hosted virtually**.

### 1. Submission Procedure

**Submission format:** To ensure inclusion in the digital display schedule, authors are required to submit the final poster as a high-resolution PDF file.

**Deadline for submission:** **23 October 2026**

**Email submission to:**

[conference@brightstartfoundation.org](mailto:conference@brightstartfoundation.org)

**Email subject line format:**

Poster Submission – AUTHOR’S SURNAME

**File naming format:**

FirstName\_LastName\_Poster

**Example:**

Jane\_Doe\_Poster

**The version submitted by the stated deadline will be considered final.** Authors are therefore requested to ensure that the poster has been thoroughly reviewed and fully aligned with the submission guidelines prior to submission. Late or non-compliant submissions may not be included in the Conference display schedule.

## 2. Poster Overview

The Poster Overview, as provided in the **Author Application submission form**, will be included in the **official Conference Programme and will display the poster title and author(s)**.

## 3. Poster Content

Posters should clearly communicate:

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

## 4. Poster Format & Technical Specifications

As posters will be displayed digitally on large screens, the following technical requirements must be observed:

### File Specifications

- Format: High-resolution PDF
- Orientation: Portrait (strongly recommended)
- Layout proportion: A0 ratio (portrait format recommended for optimal screen display)
- All images, charts, and graphics must be high resolution and suitable for large-screen projection

Please ensure that text and visuals remain clear and legible when viewed from a distance.

### Design Guidelines

- Use a clear and readable font (minimum 24-point for body text)
- Maintain a strong visual hierarchy with clearly defined section headings
- Use high-quality images and graphics
- Avoid overcrowding the poster with excessive text
- Ensure strong contrast between text and background for screen visibility

**No physical printing or mounting boards will be provided.**

## 5. Presentation Requirements

At least one author must be registered for the **2026 Bright Start International Conference** (online or in person).

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

**In the case of multiple authors, at least two (2) authors must be registered participants of the Conference** (online or in person).

- **In-person presenters:** Posters will rotate on digital screens within the Conference venue.
- **Online presenters:** Posters will be presented during the dedicated **Thursday Poster Sessions**.

**Presenters may be invited to provide a brief 3–5 minute overview during scheduled poster sessions.**

## 6. Inclusion in the 2026 Conference Proceedings

To be included in the official **2026 Bright Start Conference Proceedings**, authors must also **submit a structured Presentation Summary in accordance with the Conference Proceedings publication guidelines**. The Presentation Summary for inclusion in the 2026 Conference Proceedings must be **submitted no later than 23 October 2026**. Kindly refer to the **Guidelines for the Submission of Presentation Summaries for full details**.

**Submission of the poster file alone does not automatically guarantee inclusion in the Proceedings.**

## 7. Permissions & Consent

By submitting a Poster, authors grant permission for:

- Digital display during the Conference (in person and/or online)
- Inclusion in Conference materials
- Use in Conference communications

Authors remain responsible for ensuring that submitted content does not infringe copyright or include material requiring additional permissions.

## 8. Editorial Responsibility

Posters will be displayed in the form submitted. Authors are responsible for ensuring grammatical accuracy, clarity of expression, and full compliance with the submission guidelines prior to submission.

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