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# Introduction

This document has been created to assist you in creation of your abstract proposal and upon acceptance into the conference agenda, to develop your abstract proposal into a technical paper and presentation slides which will suit the relevant conference audience.

Please take note of the technical paper and presentation slides templates attached must be adhered to. UDT Australia has the right to withdraw any applicant who does not adhere to the template and standard set by the conference team as well as meeting the submission deadlines.

## Submission Deadlines

Submission deadlines are put in place to allow time for you and your session moderator to update your Technical Paper and Presentation Slides. Please respect their time by timely submission and communicate any issues at your earliest convenience.

Key Points for 2026	Deadlines
Call for Papers opens	2nd March 2026
Call for Papers closes	1st June 2026
Authors informed of the selection	23rd June 2026
Draft outline of Technical Paper submission deadline	3rd August 2026
Moderator's feedback provided	8th September 2026
Final Technical Paper and Presentation Slides submission including redacted 'shareable' versions for publication if required)	2nd November 2026
Conference takes place	2nd - 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2026

\*These deadlines are subject to change. Always refer to email communications from the UDT Australia team and the UDT Australia webpage for the latest information.

## Conference Committee / Session Moderator

The Technical Conference Committee consists of subject matter experts with decades of experience, representing the three key elements – users, industry and academia in the undersea defence community.

Through a rigorous review process, the committee will select abstract proposals that address the most pressing issues in undersea defence and will generate engaging discussions among the diverse conference audience.

If your abstract proposal is chosen, you will be assigned a committee member/moderator who will guide you through the creation process of your paper and presentation slides and moderate your session on the day of the event.

All technical papers and presentation slides, including videos must be reviewed by your session moderator. This is a requirement for participating in the conference.

# Call for Paper process and writing guide

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## Stage 1: Abstract Proposal (250 – 500 words)

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### What is an Abstract Proposal?

An abstract proposal is an outline or summary of your technical paper and an opportunity to grab reviewers' attention. It should be written as a single well-developed paragraph and 250-500 words maximum in length. The structure of the abstract proposal should be in the same order as your paper.

It should cover the following five sections:

- Reason for writing: What is the importance of the research?
- Addressing challenges: Briefly explain the challenges this work attempts to solve.
- Methodology: An abstract must include a concise breakdown of the scientific work conducted.
- Results: Discuss the research outcomes, conclusions, and/or recommendations.
- Implications: Highlight the significance of the research, its impacts, and potential consequences.

### How to write a captivating title?

Your abstract title is not just an indicator of what you plan to present – it's also how to hook the audience. It will be used in marketing collateral to promote your session and listed on the agendas sent to potential audience members.

Here are a couple of tips for making your title as strong as possible.

#### 1. Give it punch

Make it memorable and engaging. You can make a pun, if your audience appreciates that sort of tone. Alliteration is always appealing. If applicable, use specifics such as stats or case studies that indicate you will be discussing something real and practical, rather than vague generalities.

Examples:

- What does right look like when evaluating unmanned maritime systems?
- Transparent oceans, really?

#### 2. Consider the format

Are you addressing a major problem in the industry? Make your title the question everyone is struggling with. Are you outlining a practical approach to an issue? A 'how to' title indicates that.

Examples:

- Can current and future digital tools support effective and efficient evaluation of the human impact on submarine capability?
- Are submarine integrated combat management systems (CMS) really integrated? 4th Generation Submarine CMS?

#### 3. Hook your audience

The audience has options for how to spend their time at UDT Australia. We will steer them towards your presentation, but you can help by ensuring your title is attractive. Give your audience a reason to care about your presentation.

Examples:

- Mission possible: Streamlining data for AI-powered performance
- Get a tropical fish sensing mode into your MCM toolbox

## How to write and identify your key takeaways

Key takeaways are a teaser for what you want to convey to the audience. These will be published on the event website alongside your session title and should highlight the value of attending this session.

List 3 or 4 clear and concise bullet points to summarise the paper's most important findings or contributions to the field and how these will benefit attendees. Explain complex terms and unknown abbreviations where applicable.

**Below is an example from the UDT Global 2025 conference:**

**Session: The future undersea battlespace: Diving into the challenges and opportunities**

- Overview of the challenges and opportunities present in the future undersea battlespace as part of a holistic vision.
- Predicted development of key roles, including what missions and how might they be undertaken.
- Better understanding of what is needed of future submarines and technologies to be successful in the underwater battlespace.

## Stage 2: Draft Submission & Review Process

### Draft Technical Paper and Presentation Slides Guide

Upon acceptance, you will need to develop your Abstract into a detailed Technical Paper and accompanied by engaging Presentation Slides. Please see the table above for relevant deadlines.

1. Create a draft version of your Technical Paper and Presentation Slides and provide them to your session moderator.
2. Your session moderator will then review and provide feedback to ensure consistent high-quality and to help project your message effectively to the audience.
3. Once you receive feedback, iterate with your moderator through revisions until both parties approve the final content.
4. Once final version is ready, you will be ready to move to Stage 3 - Final Submission.

NOTE - if the technical paper or presentation slides you wish to use at the event contain Personal Identifiable Information (PII) that you do not wish to be shared on the event website, you may provide a separate redacted version, however this must be provided at the same deadline.

### Draft submission

- Please send all conference materials to your session moderator, copying in the organising committee.
- You will be given a session code upon accepting do the programme. Please use "UDT Australia 26 - (Session Code)" in all e-mail titles to allow us to process effectively.
- If your files are too large to send by email, or use a file transfer software of your choice, or [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com) and include your name and session reference.

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## Technical Paper (2-6 pages)

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The draft technical paper is the extension of your abstract proposal. Please download the technical paper template below. All papers must adhere to this template.

[\[Download Technical Paper Template\]](#)

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## Presentation (recommended up to 20 slides maximum)

### Tips for engaging and informative Presentation

- **Know your audience:** Tailor the content and complexity to their level and understanding, without compromising on engagement.
- **Focus on the main objectives:** Frame your research as a journey or approach to address or solve a pressing industry challenge or topic. Use your findings to frame an impactful outcome whilst illustrating complex concepts.
- **Visuals and aesthetics:** Do not overload your slides with text. Use clear and concise language with visuals where needed. Avoid overwhelming the audience with visual clutter.
- **Engage your audience:** The most memorable presentations are framed as conversations, rather than lectures. Incorporate interactive elements that encourage your audience to ask questions and address their curiosity.

### Format

- Presentation slides should be in .pdf format, unless you have embedded videos in which case provide them in PowerPoint .pptx format in a **16:9 landscape** ratio. Please ensure that the fonts are not proprietary as we will not be able to reproduce them.
- There is no standard UDT Australia branded slide template. You are welcome to use your organisation's branding.
- Font size should be no smaller than 24pt. Please include graphs and images that are accessible.
- To ensure your content is clearly visible to the audience, we recommend using the generous margins indicated by a red box in the presentations guidelines below to accommodate potential obstructions in front of the screen i.e. chairs.

- PDF of your slides will be shared with the conference delegates. If you don't want your Personal Identifiable Information (PII) shared publicly, please remove it and send the updated files to Clarion for publishing.
- All presentations will be given in English.

### Video use

- The venue's Wi-Fi does not support streaming videos so please embed and save any videos or external web look-up data into your slide deck.
- If you want the video to be played separately from your slides, these must be in a Microsoft Windows playable format (no Apple Mac files) and be provided in advance of the conference.

[\[Download Example Slide Guide\]](#)

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## Stage 3: Final Submission

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Once your draft technical paper and presentation slides have been reviewed approved by the session moderator, you will then be ready to submit both for final approval. The final paper will be shared with attendees prior to the conference and final slides will be required for conference preparation.

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### Submission

- Please send the final version of your technical paper and presentation slides via email to the organising committee and copy in your session moderator.
- If you wish to use the last submitted draft version of your technical paper/presentation slides as your final copy, please add prefix "FINAL" to file name and resend them to avoid any confusion.
- If your files are too large to send by email, use your file transfer software of choice, or [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com) and include your name and session reference code.



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The logo for NOVA STUDIO, featuring a stylized sunburst icon above the text "NOVA STUDIO".

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The UDT logo, consisting of the letters "UDT" in white on a blue background.

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