



## “What? Who? When? How?”

12th International Conference on Teaching Statistics  
Brisbane, Australia 12-17 July 2026



## Call for Contributions to ICOTS 12

The Twelfth International Conference on Teaching Statistics (ICOTS 12) will be held 12-17 July 2026 in Brisbane, Australia. ICOTS is an opportunity for diverse communities to come together with a common goal of improving the teaching of statistics. Statistics educators, statisticians, data scientists, teachers and educators at large are invited to contribute to the scientific programme. This Call for Contributions provides a brief summary of contributions being sought.

### General Information

Proposals are sought for contributions in four categories:

- Main Topic papers (Topics 1-10)
- Contributed and other papers (Topic 11)
- Posters
- Special Interest Groups (SIG) and other meetings, and pre-Conference Workshops

Brief information is provided in this Call for Contributions about how to propose a paper, poster or other contribution, including deadlines. Details and updates are provided on the ICOTS 12 website at

<https://virtual.oxfordabstracts.com/#/e/icots12/homepage>

Direct questions about the scientific program or submissions may be sent to the International Programme Committee (IPC).

### Contributions to Topics 1-11

The Scientific Programme consists primarily of ten Main Topics (1-10) plus Topic 11 for Contributed papers. Note that authors are limited to one presentation (oral or poster) at ICOTS, although they can be co-authors on up to three papers in total. The topic titles are listed below, with full details available on the website.

**Topic 1:** Key issues in the what, who, when, how of statistical education

**Topic 2:** Statistics and data education at the school level

**Topic 3:** Statistics and data education at the post-secondary level

**Topic 4:** New technologies and paradigms in assessment

**Topic 5:** Improving teaching and teaching capacity in statistics

**Topic 6:** Statistics education across and into disciplines

**Topic 7:** Teaching probability and stochastic thinking within statistics

**Topic 8:** Training in statistics, data science and emerging technologies for and in workplaces

**Topic 9:** New directions and developments in statistics education research

**Topic 10:** Growing society-wide statistical, data science and data technological literacy

**Topic 11:** Contributed and Other Topics



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### Proposals for Main Topics 1-10 and Contributed and Other (Topic 11)

Submission: A paper proposal is submitted on the website and consists of the paper title, authors and affiliations, 125 word abstract, and **first and second preferences of the Main Topics**.

All abstracts will be considered by Topic Chairs and Teams who will organise and name Sessions under the Main Topics 1-10.

**Due date for Main Topic paper proposals:** 31 May 2025

**Outcome by:** 30 August 2025

**Due date for Contributed and other paper proposals desiring refereeing:** 31 July 2025

**Acceptance by:** 30 August 2025

Acceptance is conditional on at least one author registering and presenting at the conference. **A proposal not accepted for a Main Topic will be considered by the IPC for inclusion as a Contributed and Other paper.**

An optional refereeing process is available for all papers.

#### Refereed papers

**Paper due:** 31 October 2025

**Referee reports by:** 31 December 2025

Papers must be no more than **six pages** (including all body text, tables, graphs, and appendices; a maximum of **two pages** of references are *not counted* in the six-page limit). Please use the required ICOTS paper template on the website.

**Additional due date for Contributed oral presentation abstracts:** 31 December 2025.

**Outcome by:** 31 January 2026.

This is for authors not wishing for refereeing of papers. These abstracts may be approved for papers (oral presentation) if program space is available. If not, they may be approved for poster presentation

**Due date for all final papers** (refereed and non-refereed): 31 March 2026

All accepted abstracts for papers or posters will appear in the Program and in the online Conference Proceedings. For all abstracts accepted for oral presentation, it is recommended but not compulsory to write a paper for the Proceedings. All papers (refereed or non-refereed) accepted for oral presentation will be included in the online Conference Proceedings.

## Posters

Submission: A poster proposal is submitted on the website and consists of the poster title, authors and affiliations and 125 word abstract. Abstracts of accepted posters will be included in the online Conference Proceedings. The author should bring the poster to the conference; the poster itself is not submitted. Please use the required ICOTS poster template on the website.

**Due date for Poster proposals:** 31 March 2026

**Outcome by:** 21 April 2026

## Lunch sessions and official meetings

Special Interest Groups (SIG) or organisation meetings can be arranged to be held during the lunch period. A SIG consists of an organised or informal session of participants with a shared interest (e.g., official statistics) and are open to any interested participants.

Submission: To submit a request for a SIG meeting, provide a title, organiser, and 50-100 word description to the website. To submit a request for an organisation meeting, provide a title, organiser, and general description of participants to the website.

**Due date for SIG/organisation meeting requests:** 28 February 2026

**Outcome by:** 31 March 2026

## Pre-conference workshops

Pre-conference workshops consist of interactive sessions lasting 3-4 hours (double sessions may also be requested), offered on Saturday 11 July (morning or afternoon) or Sunday 12 July morning. See ICOTS 10 pre-conference workshops for examples (<https://icots.info/10/?workshops>). Note that participants are charged a fee by the conference to cover expenses including room hire and light refreshments. Workshop presenters are not allowed to request additional payment.

Submission: To submit a proposal for a pre-conference workshop, provide to the website a title, organiser, number and general description of intended participants, 125 word workshop abstract, room requirements, and date preference.

**Due date for pre-conference workshop proposals:** 31 October 2025

**Outcome by:** 30 November 2025