

## Author Guidelines for Research Paper Submission-ICST 2026

The full papers should be between 6 to 12 pages typewritten in MS Word and should stick to the following format:

- Font: Times New Roman
- For the initial submission, line Spacing for the paragraph should be 1.5pt line spaced, no space before and after in the paragraph formatting; there should be 4pt space after each heading.
- For the Camera-ready copy format submission, line Spacing for paragraph should be single (1.0pt) spaced, no space before and after in the paragraph formatting, there should be 4pt space after each heading.
- The paper should use a page size corresponding to A4.
- The margins should be set as follows:
  - Top = 20 mm (0.75")
  - Bottom = 20 mm (0.75")
  - Left = Right = 25.4mm (1")
- Manuscript submitted as initial submission (for review process) **SHOULD NOT contain any information to identify or trace the authors** as shown in “ICST 2026 Template for Initial Submission”.
- Paper submitted for a camera-ready copy (after the acceptance of your paper) **SHOULD contain author details** as shown in “ICST 2026 Template for Camera Ready Copy”.
- The paper should also be in a one-column format for initial submission and in a two-column layout with a space of 4.00 mm (0.15”) between columns for Camera Ready Copy format.
- A precise title is mandatory
- A single-paragraph abstract of less than 250 words
- 3-6 keywords separated by comma (,)
- Running title: should be a shortened format of the title that could be printed at the bottom of every other page of the article in conference proceedings and limited to a maximum of 60 characters
- The manuscript should contain the following parts
  - Abstract
  - Introduction
  - Background / Literature review (Can be combined with Introduction)
  - Methodology/ Methods
  - Results & Discussion
  - Conclusion(Can be combined into Results & Discussion)
  - Reference

- Use “Cite them right 10<sup>th</sup> edition– Harvard” referencing style
- It is highly encouraged to use any reference management tool
- Examples are available in the following link,  
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/writingcentre/sites/default/files/docs/harvard-referencing-guide.pdf>
- All the tables and figures should be captioned and cited in-text. For citing a table or a figure in text, refer to it by its number, such as “Table 1” or “Figure 1”.
- Font styles
  - Title of the paper : 14 points, bold and centered
  - Name of the authors : 11 points, centered
  - Affiliation : 10 points, italic and centered
  - Email address : 09 points, centered
  - Running title : 01points, bold and italic
  - 1st level heading : 11points (in Uppercase)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> level headings : 11 points, Italic
  - Abstract heading : 11points, italic and bold
  - Abstract body : 11 points, italic
  - Keywords : 10points, bold and italic
  - Main text : 11 points, justified
  - Caption : 10 points, centered
  - Reference : 10 points, justified
  - Abbreviation : 10points, justified
- Please refer the templates for more information
  - ICST2026 Template for Initial Submission
  - ICST2026 Template for Camera Ready Copy

NOTE: Manuscript submission should be made electronically as **MS Word** file.