

CUPC 2026 Abstract Submission Guide

Welcome to CUPC 2026!

Thank you for your interest in presenting your research at the Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference (CUPC) 2026!

This guide provides instructions for preparing and submitting your abstract, including formatting requirements, submission steps, and tips for creating a strong submission.

Before submitting, please read this guide carefully to ensure that your abstract is formatted correctly and contains all required information.

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Important Information

How to Submit an Abstract

Submit an abstract using the CUPC 2026 Abstract Submission Form.

FORM HYPERLINK: [\[SUBMISSION\] CUPC 2026 Student Abstract Submissions – Fill out form](#)

Dates and Deadlines

Abstract submissions open: August 5th, 2026

Abstract submission deadline: September 13th, 2026 11:59PM

Acceptance notifications: Early Fall (see the Announcements page on the CUPC website for updates)

Conference dates: October 15th – 18th, 2026

Overview of the Blinded Review Process

All abstracts submitted to the CUPC will undergo a blinded review process.

When you submit your abstract:

1. Your identifying information is handled separately from your abstract.
2. Your abstract is automatically assigned a unique identifier.
3. Identifying information is removed before the abstract is sent to reviewers.
4. Industry professionals, graduate students, and of the CUPC 2026 Scientific Review Committee evaluate abstracts using standardized criteria.

Reviewers will not have access to your name, institution, or contact information during the review process.

Materials to Prepare

Before beginning your submission, please have the following items prepared:

- Title
- Abstract body
- List of co-authors (if applicable)
- 3-5 keywords
- Research discipline
- Preferred presentation format

We recommend that you prepare your abstract in a separate document before entering it into the submission form. Details about each of these materials are outlined below.

Submission Instructions

Section 1: Your Information

This section collects information used only by the CUPC 2026 Organizing Committee to communicate with you.

Please ensure that:

- Your name is entered correctly.
- Your email address is accurate and regularly monitored.
- Your institution and program information are complete.

Your contact information will not be shared with reviewers and will only be used for conference organization purposes.

Section 2: Your Abstract Submission

This section contains the information that will be reviewed by the Scientific Review Committee.

Abstract Title

Your title should:

- Clearly describe your research topic.
- Avoid unnecessary abbreviations or jargon.
- Not include your own name, institution, or identifying information.

Co-Authors

If your abstract has co-authors, enter them using the following format:

Name, Institution; Name, Institution

Co-author information will be included in the final conference materials if your abstract is accepted, but it will not be visible to reviewers during the blinded review process.

Abstract Body

Maximum length: 250 words

Your abstract should briefly describe:

- The background or motivation of your research or topic;
- Main objective(s) of your research or topic;
- Methods involved in producing the research work you discuss;
- ***If applicable***, key results of your work (though this is not explicitly required if your work is ongoing);
- The significance of your work in the field or to the physics community in Canada as a whole.

Not every abstract will contain all of these sections explicitly, but your submission should provide enough information for reviewers to understand your work.

Formatting requirements

IMPORTANT: Abstracts are submitted through Microsoft Forms and are automatically formatted into an anonymized PDF for reviewers. The submission system supports limited text formatting. Please avoid formatting that depends on specialized software or document editors (including LaTeX).

For reference, the following formatting features are **NOT supported**:

- Tables
- Figures and images
- Equations
- LaTeX formatting

The following table outlines some examples of acceptable formatting. If you're unsure about formatting, please reach out to cupc@mcmaster.ca before submitting and a member of the Scientific Review Subcommittee would be happy to provide guidance.

To display...	Type this in the form	Appears in the PDF
Greek letters	α; β; γ; μ; Δ	$\alpha \beta \gamma \mu \Delta$
Mathematical symbols	±; ×; ≤; ≥; °	$\pm \times \leq \geq ^\circ$
Superscripts	x²	x^2
Negative superscripts	10⁻⁶	10^{-6}
Subscripts	H₂O	H_2O
Variables with subscripts	E_n, x_i	E_n, x_i
Combined superscripts and subscripts	x_i²	x_i^2
Simple formatting	bold, <i>italic</i> (if supported)	bold , <i>italic</i>

Below is an example of an abstract that uses the formatting listed above, as well as its rendering as an anonymized PDF:

Form Submission:

Flying sandwiches have long been overlooked as a mode of transportation. In this completely fictional study, we investigated the flight performance of sandwiches with masses ranging from 50 g to 250 g. Each sandwich was launched at an initial speed of 5.0×10^0 m/s, and the horizontal displacement (Δx) was recorded over 10 trials. The average flight distance was 2.3 ± 0.4 m, with no sandwich travelling farther than 3.0 m ($\Delta x \leq 3.0$ m). The best-performing sandwich contained H₂O-rich vegetables and exhibited a drag coefficient of approximately 1.2×10^{-1} . Future work will investigate whether the addition of cheese ($\mu = 0.35$) improves aerodynamic stability. This abstract is intended only to demonstrate formatting, including HTML entities (α , β , γ , μ , π) and subscript/superscript notation such as $x_i^{2^2}$, CO₂, and m/s^2 .

Abstract Render:

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Maintaining Anonymity in your Abstract

Your submission will automatically be anonymized before being sent to reviewers. To maintain anonymous review, do not include:

- Your name;

- Your institution;
- Your supervisor's name;
- Laboratory identifiers;
- Course or program-specific identifiers.

Keywords

Provide 3–5 keywords separated by commas.

Physics Discipline

Select the category that best suits your research area. This information helps organize presentation sessions and assign appropriate reviewers.

Presentation Preferences

You will be asked about your preferred presentation format, and indicate which presentation formats you are willing to be considered for. Your preference will be considered during scheduling, but the Organizing Committee cannot guarantee a specific format.

Final Submission Checklist

You are almost ready to submit! Before submitting, please confirm that:

- Your title is complete and descriptive
- Your abstract is within the word limit
- Your abstract does not contain identifying information
- Your co-authors are formatted correctly
- You included 3–5 keywords
- You selected the correct physics discipline
- Your presentation preferences are complete
- You reviewed formatting compatibility
- Your email address is correct

Questions?

If you have questions about the submission process, please contact cupc@mcmaster.ca.

Thank You!

We look forward to receiving your submissions and showcasing undergraduate physics research at CUPC 2026!