

18th Annual
UT Dallas
Project Management Symposium

Submission Guidelines

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Exploring Emerging Trends in Project Management

Call for Papers

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UT Dallas Project Management Program

UT Dallas offers graduate certificate and master's degree programs to help professionals improve their ability to succeed in a global business environment that demands expertise and effectiveness not only in the technical aspects or project, program and portfolio management, but also in leadership and strategic business management.

Our degree programs were among the first accredited by the Project Management Institute (PMI) Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC) and are also accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Students may choose from three levels of recognition:

- Graduate Certificate in Project Management
- MS in Leadership and Organization Development with an Emphasis in Project Management
- MBA with an Emphasis in Project Management

See <http://project.utdallas.edu> for more information.

What we are looking for



Increase your chances of selection by keeping the following in mind.

WE ARE SEEKING PAPERS THAT

- Describe new ideas, concepts, and experiences
- Have not been previously published
- Enhance understanding of project management practices
- Have no sales pitch and are free of commercial content

Of greatest interest to Project Managers:

- Interactive content that engages the audience
- Case studies and lessons learned
- Innovative approaches and techniques
- Improving project management resilience
- Opportunities during disruption
- Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to projects
 - Advanced practices (Not introductory)
 - Case studies and lessons learned
- Resilience and Sustainability in PM
- Agile PM and Agility (adapting flexible practices)
- Industry 4.0
 - Digital Transformation Projects & PM
 - Smart Technologies, Big Data & Internet of Things
- Industry 5.0 – AI empowered processes & organizations
- Organizational Change Projects & PM
- Portfolio management and governance
- PMOs – virtual, transformed, futuristic
- Product Development (vis-à-vis Project Management)
- Minimizing complexity, maximizing value
- Kanban techniques for project management

Create a great paper and presentation



NEED HELP WRITING YOUR ABSTRACT?

Join our free webinar, *How to Write an Awesome Abstract*, on Friday, November 14, 2026 at noon, for information on how to develop a topic and write your abstract. Visit the [symposium website](#) to register. Earn 0.5 Power Skills PDU for attending.

KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

- 400+ project and program management practitioners primarily from the DFW Metroplex
- 200+ Companies
- 99% of attendees have achieved at least one Project Management Institute or agile certification
- Topic must align with at least one area in PMI's Talent Triangle

TRACK ROOM PRESENTATION – 1 Hour

- Present your paper in 45 minutes
- Allow an additional 15 minutes for Q&A
- Interactive audience participation content preferred

BENEFITS

- Attend the symposium FREE
- Earn up to 17 PDUs for writing and presenting on project management
- Become published! Papers will be published on the UT Dallas website and may be selected for republication on other sites including *PM World Journal*
- Give back to the profession
- Meet other project management thought leaders
- Attend the symposium held over two days to earn up to maximum 9 PDUs

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL & CHECK YOUR EMAIL

Submit online at [UTD PM Symposium site](#)
Submission deadline is **Friday, January 16, 2026**
Selections will be announced by Friday, February 20, 2026

Important Dates to Remember!

- **Call for Papers Open** – October 24, 2025
- **How to Write an Awesome Abstract Webinar** - November 14, 2025 at noon
- **Abstract Submissions Due Online** - Friday, January 16, 2026
- **Notification of Papers Selected** - Friday, February 20, 2026
- **Presentation Skills Webinar for Papers Selected** – Spring 2026 TBA
- **Papers and PowerPoint Presentations Due** - April 24, 2026

PM World Journal (PMWJ) is a monthly online practitioner-oriented publication devoted to knowledge sharing and continuous learning in the field of modern program and project management (P/PM).

The PMWJ contains original articles, papers, reports and other works by worldwide authors.

The PMWJ is an educational and informative source of P/PM knowledge and information; it is also a service to those who want to share knowledge, get published or gain visibility.

See the latest edition at www.pmworldjournal.com.

Authors of original works published in the PMWJ can claim PDUs for certification renewal from PMI, or continuing education credits for other PM associations.

All authors and works published in the PMWJ are archived in the PM World Library (PMWL), which now contains over 5,000 works by 2,000 + authors from around the world.

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Submit an Abstract



- An abstract is a concise summary of the key points of your paper. It is typically about 250 words and succinctly describes three critical presentation areas: 1) problem/issue to be addressed, 2) methodology/process used to address the problem/issue, and 3) conclusions/findings
- A good abstract
 - Accurately represents the contents of the paper
 - Is coherent and readable
 - Highlights key content
 - Is concise and to the point

How to submit an abstract

- Visit the symposium site at pmsymposium.utdallas.edu
- Click on [Submit an Abstract](#)
- Complete the application form:
 - Speaker contact information
 - Speaker photo and about 150 word biography
 - Presentation title and abstract
 - Talent triangle classification
 - Applicable certifications
 - Learning objectives*
 - Abstract
- Any co-presenter information must be submitted with the original application. (Maximum of 3 presenters)

Other important information

- Incomplete submissions will be returned. These may be resubmitted once all requirements have been included
- Papers must not have been previously published
- This is not a sales pitch! This is an educational event. If selected, you are presenting as an industry expert. This is not a marketing event for your business
- Speakers' expenses are not reimbursed; however, unlike other conferences, speakers attend the entire symposium for free!

*Learn more about learning objectives on the FAQ page

Frequently Asked Questions



How do I submit an abstract?

All abstracts must be submitted via the online submission form.

Do I have to register for the symposium if my abstract is accepted?

No, if your abstract is selected you will be automatically registered for the symposium at no charge.

Are travel expenses reimbursed?

No, since speakers attend the symposium at no cost, we do not reimburse for travel expenses.

When do you need my submission?

Abstracts are due by Friday, January 16, 2026. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

When will I find out if my submission is accepted?

Selections will be announced by Friday, February 20, 2026.

How will my abstract be evaluated?

Abstract submissions are double-blind peer reviewed. Evaluations are primarily based on:

- New / Preferred Topics of greatest interest (see page 2)
- Newness of approach to topic
- Anticipated Audience Appeal
- Quality of Writing
- Clearly stated and well-conceived objectives
- Well-articulated perspectives
- Clearly described methods used and results obtained
- Appropriate and well-executed research methods

What are Learning Objectives?

Learning objectives are clear and concise statements that describe the intended outcomes of instruction. They should represent the skills that learners can expect to demonstrate after completing instruction.

Statements must be specific, observable, and measurable.

Questions?

Contact the symposium team

Call: 972-883-5802

Or email:

pmsymposium@utdallas.edu

Frequently Asked Questions



Can I use AI in creating the abstract, presentation, or paper?

You must cite any use of Generative AI in preparing the abstract, presentation, or paper, following the guidelines established by the UT Dallas Jindal School of Management.

“Typically, all content that you pulled from another source must be cited.

This includes for papers, presentations, reports, and scholarly writing. For generative AI, you would cite:

- Generated text or data that you rewrote, revised, or rephrased
- Generated text that you copy/pasted. Use quotation marks.
- Quoted generated text that you discuss in a paper, report, or presentation
- AI tools used to process or analyze data
- Creative works like images, data visualizations, videos, or music”

How many PDUs can be earned?

Paper presenters can earn up to 17 PDUs for authoring and presenting a paper at the symposium and up to another 9 PDUs for attending the full symposium.

How can I ensure a successful presentation?

Attend PMI Toastmaster meetings and practice your presentation skills. There will also be a webinar in the spring that will give hints to help your presentation skills.

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