

Abstract Submission Guidelines

A. Abstract length

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words, excluding:

- Title
- Author names
- Institutional affiliations
- Keywords

B. Abstract structure

Please structure your abstract using the following headings:

- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Policy, Practice or Health Equity Impact
- Conclusions

C. Presentation Preferences

When submitting your abstract, please indicate your preferred presentation format:

- Oral Presentation

NB: A selected number of abstracts will be invited for an oral presentation during the Showcase.

Indicative format: 10-minute presentation + 5-minute Q&A

- Poster Presentation

Researchers may submit a digital poster presenting their research.

Poster presenters will have an opportunity to share their work during a dedicated virtual poster session. Posters must be submitted three days prior to the Research Showcase Event.

- Oral or Poster?

If you are happy to be considered for either format, please indicate this on the submission form.

Please note: Presentation preferences will be considered by the BHEN Research Showcase Planning Committee but cannot be guaranteed. The final presentation format will be determined based on the quality and number of submissions and the overall programme.

D. Career Stage

To support recognition across different stages of research careers, applicants will be asked to indicate their career stage:

☐ Master's Student ☐ PhD/Doctoral Researcher ☐ Early-Career Researcher ☐ Mid-Career Researcher ☐ Senior Researcher ☐ Other

For the purposes of the Showcase, an Early-Career Researcher may be considered as someone within five years of completing their PhD, although researchers should use their judgement when selecting their career stage.

E. Abstract Review Process

- All abstracts will be reviewed by the BHEN Research Showcase Planning Committee and/or designated reviewers.
- The review process will aim to recognise high-quality research while ensuring representation across different career stages, research areas and geographical settings.

F. BHEN Research Showcase Awards

Selected presenters will be eligible for the BHEN Global Research Showcase Awards.

Awards may include:

 Best Student Research

Recognising outstanding research presented by a Master's student.

 Best Doctoral Research

Recognising an outstanding contribution from a doctoral Student

 Best Oral Presentation

Recognising excellence in communicating research through an oral presentation.

 Best Poster

Recognising an outstanding research poster.

 BHEN Health Equity Impact Award

Recognising research with a particularly strong contribution or potential contribution to improving health equity.

Outstanding Research Award

Recognising an exceptional research contribution demonstrating originality, methodological strength, relevance and potential impact.

Final award categories and prizes will be confirmed by BHEN.

Important Information for Applicants

Please ensure that:

- The abstract represents original research or work to which you have contributed.
- All authors who contributed to the research are appropriately acknowledged.
- Author names and institutional affiliations are provided.
- The submitting author has permission from all co-authors to submit the abstract.
- Ethical approval is stated where applicable.
- Research involving human participants indicates relevant ethical approval where appropriate.
- Relevant conflicts of interest are declared.
- The abstract is submitted in English.
- The 300-word limit is observed.

Publication and Dissemination

BHEN aims to increase the visibility of research presented at the Showcase.

Subject to author consent, selected abstracts and presentations may be promoted through BHEN's:

- Website
- Digital abstract book
- Future BHEN publications and activities

Presenters will be given the opportunity to indicate their preferences regarding recording and dissemination of their presentation.

NB: Participation in the Showcase does not automatically imply consent for wider dissemination of presentation materials.

Key Dates

- Abstract submission opens: First week of August 2026
- Abstract submission deadline: 2nd October
- Notification of acceptance: 2nd November
- Research Showcase: 3rd December 2026, online

Submission Checklist

Before submitting, please ensure you have:

- ☐ Abstract title
- ☐ Author names
- ☐ Institutional affiliations
- ☐ Career stage
- ☐ Background
- ☐ Methods
- ☐ Results/preliminary findings
- ☐ Policy, practice or health equity impact
- ☐ Conclusions
- ☐ 3–5 keywords
- ☐ Preferred presentation format
- ☐ Conflict of interest declaration, where applicable
- ☐ Ethical approval information, where applicable

Submit Your Abstract

Submit your abstract via: <https://forms.gle/XC7fhK8GG7fYMnL5A>

We welcome submissions from researchers at all career stages, from all countries and from diverse research disciplines, provided the work aligns with the aims of the Showcase.

Be Part of the Showcase

Whether you are presenting your first research project, sharing emerging findings from your PhD, presenting an established programme of research or exploring a new research idea, the BHEN Annual Global Research Showcase & Awards 2026 provides an opportunity to:

- *Share your research.*
- *Receive feedback.*
- *Build connections.*
- *Discover collaborators.*
- *Celebrate excellence.*
- *Contribute to advancing health equity.*

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