

Waterberg Research Conference Abstract Submission Guidelines

We invite you to submit an abstract for consideration by the scientific committee for presentation at the 2nd Waterberg Research Conference, taking place in January 2027.

The theme of the conference is “Foundations for a resilient Waterberg”. Abstracts can be submitted under the following categories:

- Biodiversity and Ecology
- Landscape Resilience and Infrastructure
- Water and Geology
- Research Technology and Innovation
- Future of Research
- Other topic of relevance to the theme

Abstracts can be submitted for the following presentation types:

- Speed oral presentation: 7 minutes (5 minutes and 2 minutes of questions)
- Full oral presentation: 15 minutes (12 minutes and 3 minutes of questions)
- Poster presentation

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words (excluding the title of the presentation, author(s) and their affiliation(s)). The abstract submission deadline is 25 September 2026. Guidelines on the PowerPoint and poster presentation formats will be distributed upon acceptance of your abstract.

Abstract submissions should include the following key information and should be submitted on <https://waterbergresearch.org.za/abstract-submission/> :

- Type of presentation submitted: full presentation/speed presentation/poster
- Title of presentation
- Author(s), including the Affiliation(s)
- Presenter name, surname, email address
- One photograph of the presenter (for inclusion in the conference programme)
- Maximum of 250 words outlining your research:
 - Background/introduction: the context of the study, research gap and/or the core objective
 - Methods: short description of the study
 - Results: the primary findings that answer your research gap/objective
 - Conclusion: the main take-home message, including the real-world application or scientific significance
 - No references are needed in the abstract

Please ensure that your research topic showcases how your research can be applied. This will be an important factor when your abstract is reviewed by the scientific committee for inclusion in the conference proceedings.