

Planetary Health Annual Meeting 2027

Call for Abstracts: Brief Guidelines

Abstract submission deadline: September 14, 2026, by 24:00 UTC

Planetary Health is a solutions-oriented, transdisciplinary field and social movement focused on analyzing and addressing the impacts of *human disruptions to Earth's* natural systems on human health and all life on Earth. This emerging field of applied research, policy, and practice presents an intentional and catalytic effort to take on one of the greatest challenges the world has faced. It seeks to characterize the impact of human-caused disruptions of Earth's natural systems on our health and well-being. Planetary Health offers solutions-oriented approaches, bridging different disciplines and sectors, and learning from past successes and failures.

In June 2027, the Planetary Health Annual Meeting will be convened by the Planetary Health Japan Hub in partnership with the [Planetary Health Alliance](#). This hybrid meeting (held in-person and virtually) will bring together scientists, educators, students, policymakers, civil-society, private-sector representatives, and others to learn about these complex relationships, seek solutions, and build skills for action and change.

1. Call for Abstracts

Abstracts may be submitted from any discipline relevant to Planetary Health. We welcome submissions by researchers, clinicians, practitioners, educators, students, business entities, industries, community workers, NGOs, artists, and others describing a study that has recently been conducted, or a recently completed or in-progress project or initiative. Abstracts may be submitted as either a research study — presenting the results from original scientific research — or as an education, community, art, or policy project.

Examples of fields of study are:

- Asian context
- Biodiversity and ecosystem health
- Business and finance
- Climate change and health
- Disasters and emergencies
- Emerging infectious diseases
- Energy and material flows
- Food systems and nutrition
- Geohealth (earth system science and health interactions)
- Indigenous knowledge and equity
- Planetary health education and communication
- Policy, governance, and systems change

- Pollution and plastics
- Population, migration, and resilience
- Sustainable healthcare systems
- Technology
- Urban health and resilience

2. **Guidelines for all abstracts**

Abstracts should be in English, 250 words maximum, and contain no references, tables, or figures.

3. **Guidelines for Research Study abstracts**

- Research abstracts should present clear information on study design, methods, and results, even if it is preliminary. Attention should be given to describing the impact of a change in the structure or function of a natural system(s) on a dimension (or dimensions) of human health or on the assessment of an intervention and its impact on advancing Planetary Health.
- The research should be relevant to planetary health.
- Please supply a title which includes a study descriptor if appropriate (e.g., randomized), and lay out your abstract under the following headings:
 - Background (including context and aim)
 - Methods
 - Findings
 - Interpretation

4. **Guidelines for Education, Community, Art, or Policy Project abstracts**

- Submissions should briefly describe the project/initiative concept and details, its target audience, the goals you hope to achieve, and the results obtained.
- The project should be relevant to planetary health. Abstracts for projects that are entirely conceptual (i.e. have not yet begun and have no designated start date) or those advertising commercial products will not be accepted.

5. **Abstract Selection**

- **Lightning Talks:** Abstracts receiving the highest scores will be selected for a live 5-10-minute lightning talk, each followed by a brief Q&A session.
- **Poster Pitches:** Abstracts with the next highest scores will be invited to prepare poster presentations. These 3-4 minute “elevator pitches” are brief oral presentations designed to summarize the key points of a research poster (i.e. the

main research question, key findings, and the significance of their work) and attract attendees to view the full poster at the conference.

- **Poster Display:** All other accepted abstracts will be selected for **poster display**. Authors will be required to submit a PDF file of their poster prior to PHAM2027 if their abstract is accepted.
- **Young Presenter Award (YPA):** When young professionals and practitioners submit an abstract as the first author and the abstract is one of the most highly scored, the first author will be awarded the Young Presenter Award (YPA). Their registration fee will be waived, and an award certificate will be presented at PHAM 2027. The number of recipients is limited.
- Definition of “Young Professionals” is if the presenter (first author) is a student (undergraduate, master, PhD) or within five years of graduation (of undergraduate, master, or PhD). The Submission Form (when authors submit through the submission site) asks several questions if the author intends to apply for YPA.

6. Submission Deadlines and Process

- **Submission Site:** Submission site opens July-August 2026 on the PHAM 2027 Conference website.
- The submission deadline for all abstract submissions is **24:00 UTC on 14 September 2026**.
- Notification of acceptance will be given by **10 January 2027**.