

Guidelines for Publishing Extended Abstracts for the 2025 AUA Postgraduate Academic Forum on Planetary Health Early Career Researchers

1. Introduction

The 2025 AUA Postgraduate Academic Forum on Planetary Health Early Career Researchers (AUA-PHECRs) invites postgraduate students to submit extended abstracts on various themes related to planetary health. This document outlines the guidelines for preparing and submitting extended abstracts for publication.

2. Themes for Submission

Submissions should relate to the key themes of the forum, which include but are not limited to:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Public Health and Planetary Health
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- Urbanization and Sustainable Cities
- Policy and Governance for Planetary Health
- Technology and Innovation for Planetary Health
- Social Equity and Environmental Justice
- Education and Capacity Building

3. Extended Abstract Components

Extended abstracts should include the following sections:

1. **Title**
 - Should be concise, informative, and reflective of the research content.
2. **Authors and Affiliations**
 - Full names, institutional affiliations, and contact information of all authors.
3. **Introduction**
 - Brief background and context of the study.
 - Clear statement of the research problem or question.
 - Objective or hypothesis of the research.
4. **Methods**
 - Overview of the research design and methodology.
 - Description of data collection and analysis methods.
5. **Results**
 - Summary of key findings and data.
 - Use figures and tables as necessary (limited to one or two for the extended abstract).
6. **Discussion**
 - Interpretation of the results.
 - Implications of the findings for the field of planetary health.

7. Conclusion

- Summary of main points and significance of the research.
- Future research directions or recommendations.

8. Keywords

- 4-6 keywords relevant to the research.

9. References

- Key references supporting the research (limited to 5-10 references).

4. Formatting Guidelines

- **Length:** 1-2 pages (500-1000 words), excluding references.
- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12-point.
- **Spacing:** Single-spaced.
- **Margins:** 1-inch (2.54 cm) margins on all sides.
- **Figures and Tables:** Embedded within the text, with appropriate captions.

5. Submission Process

1. **Submission Deadline:** Jan 15, 2025
 - Extended abstracts should be submitted via email to Dr. Fong Chng Saun (fongcs92@um.edu.my).
2. **Notification of Acceptance:** Jan 20, 2025
 - Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their abstracts for presentation at the forum.
3. **Full Paper Submission:** Apr 30, 2025
 - Selected extended abstracts will be invited to submit full papers for publication in peer-reviewed journals.

6. Review Process

- All extended abstracts will undergo a peer-review process by the conference program committee.
- Feedback will be provided to authors for necessary revisions before final acceptance.

7. Presentation at the Forum

- **Oral Presentations:** 20-minute presentation followed by 10 minutes for Q&A.

8. Post-Forum Publication Opportunities

- Selected outstanding extended abstracts will be developed into full papers for submission to indexed journals.
- Authors will receive mentorship and support for manuscript preparation and submission.

Important Dates

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** Jan 15, 2025
- **Notification of Acceptance:** Jan 20, 2025
- **Forum Dates:** Feb 23-27, 2025
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** Apr 30, 2025