CTE-STEM 2025 Teacher Forum Author Guidelines for Submission Format

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Abstract: This document provides a template for CTE-STEM 2025 International Teacher Forum paper submission. The abstract of your paper should appear here. The abstract itself should be a single paragraph and is typed in Times New Roman 10-point and italic format, that is, without paragraph indentation. Type all numbers–except those that begin a sentence–as Arabic numerals. The abstract should not exceed 250 words. In addition, include at most 5 keywords of your paper immediately after the abstract.

Keywords: keyword 1, keyword 2, keyword 3, keyword 4, keyword 5 (at most 5 keywords)

1. Introduction

Please submit your manuscript via EasyChair as a Microsoft Word file with authors’ names, affiliation, and email address. Before submitting, please give your manuscript a read-through to ensure it fulfils the format and paper length requirement. Paper length of each paper type including reference is 2 pages.

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2. Formatting Your Paper

The papers should be in Microsoft Word files in submission for Secretariat’s format check. After format check, the Secretariat will upload your manuscripts with identity hidden in PDF format to the platform for review. Below please see the content format:

Standard A4-sized (21 × 29.7 cm [8.27 × 11.7 inch]) paper should be used. All contents, including text, figures and tables, should be surrounded by 2 cm margins on all four sides. The number of lines per page should be set to 43. Each page should have a page header which contains the conference title (CTE-STEM 2025 International Teacher Forum).

3. Paper Title

The title of the paper should appear on the top edge of the first page of the document. Type the title in uppercase and lowercase letters, centered between the left and right margins and in Times 14-point, boldface type. Capitalize the first letter of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs; do not capitalize articles, coordinate conjunctions, or prepositions, unless the title begins with such a word. In case the title is two or more lines, double-space between the lines. Insert a blank single-spaced line after the title.

4. Information of Authors

The name(s), affiliation(s) and email address(es) of the author(s) should appear after the paper title. They are typed using uppercase and lowercase letters in Times 10-point, centered between the side margins, in single-spaced lines. Type the authors’ names (in Firstname LASTNAME format) in one line, followed by the author’ institution and country/region in subsequent single-spaced lines (one line for one author’s institution), and then the author’ email address in another single-spaced line. Use an asterisk (“\*”) to denote the Corresponding Author. Insert a blank single-spaced line after the authors’ email addresses.

In case there are two or more authors and they are from different institutions, type the corresponding author’s institutional affiliation below the first author’s. In case two or more authors are at the same institution, use the same institutional affiliation just as it would for one author. Examples of three authors are demonstrated at the top of the page.

5. Main Text and Quotations

Type the main text in 10-point Times, single-spaced. Indent the first line of every paragraph at 0.63 cm (0.25 inch). Type the remaining lines of the paragraphs to uniform left-hand margin. Apply justify-alignment to all main text. Please do not place any additional blank lines between paragraphs.

Quotations are formatted according to the length of the quote. Quotes with fewer than 40 words are quoted directly in the sentence. The quote “should be incorporated into the text and enclosed in double quotation marks”. For quotations of 40 or more words, the followings apply:

Display quotations of 40 or more words in a single-spaced block with no quotation marks. Indent 0.63 cm (0.25 inch) from the left margin without the usual opening paragraph indent.

If the quotation is more than one paragraph, indent the first line of second and additional paragraphs 1.26 cm (0.5 inch) from the left margin. Include a reference citation after the closing punctuation. (American Psychological Association, 2001, p. 292)

After the quotation block, type in the rest of the paragraph (in any) as usual main text. You can refer to Section 5.13 of the APA publication manual.

6. First Level Headings

First level headings, for example, “1. Introduction”, should be Times 12-point boldface, double-spaced and flush left. Capitalize the first letter of important words (similar to those in the paper title). Use a period (“.”) after the heading number.

6.1. Second Level Headings

The second level headings should be in Times 10-point, boldface and *italic*. The heading should be double-spaced and flush left. Use a period (“.”) after each heading numbers, such as “6.1.”.

6.1.1. Third level headings and above

Third level headings or above, as in this paragraph, are discouraged. In case its usage is unavoidable, use Times 10-point, boldface, initially capitalized, single-spaced, flush left and followed by a period and then the paragraph text on the same line. Use a period (“.”) after each heading numbers, such as “6.1.1.”.

Use “Text after third level headings” style for the first paragraph (which is the same as the main text style), while the second and additional paragraphs should follow the style of main text. Apply the third level headings format to headings for the fourth level and above.

7. Figures and Tables

You can include figures and tables in the manuscripts. In particular, figures must be in a format supported by Microsoft™ Word. Popular formats such as .gif and .jpg are suggested. While table can be in any formats available in the word processor. Table 1 is included below for illustration purpose.

*Table 1.* Example of table.

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|  | Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Item 1 | Text 1 | Text 2 | Text 3 |
| Item 2 | Text 4 | Text 5 | Text 6 |

Figure and table captions should be 10-point Times, non-boldface and centered. Initially capitalize only the first word of each figure caption and table title. Figures and tables must be numbered separately. The words “Figure” or “Table” and the following number in the captions must be *italic*. Put figure captions *below* the figures, and put the table captions *above* the tables. Figure 1 is included below for illustration purpose.



*Figure 1.* Example of figure.

8. Reference Citations

Within the body of the paper or poster, indicate the cited text with a pointer and include the corresponding citations in **References**. The References section appears after the last section or the footnotes section (whichever applicable). Use first level heading to type the label **References** (in Times 12-point, boldface type, flush left), without any heading number. Type all references below the References label, in alphabetical order. Follow the APA 7th Reference Style (American Psychological Association, 2020) for citation entries. For example, (Alpha, 1996) and (Beta & Gamma, 1997) are citation formats for books. (Delta et al., 1998) is an example for citation format of periodical articles. (Theta & Kappa, 2000) is a reference to an online article.

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