



# UKFIET Conference 2025

## Abstract Drop in Sessions Questions

**Q1: Where should the implications of research for wider use or value be included in the abstract?** The implications can be included at the end of the abstract to provide a taster of what's to come, or at the beginning if it's the main point of the paper.

**Q2: Should the theory be explained in the abstract or in the manuscript when applying a theoretical framework to research?** The abstract should introduce the theory and explain how the contribution engages with it, but an in-depth explanation should be reserved for the manuscript.

**Q3: Can a video case study based on research on school leadership in conflict be presented instead of a traditional paper?** Different types of submissions are encouraged, including creative sessions. Consider presenting the video as part of a panel or a creative session.

**Q4: How to select the right theme for submitting an abstract when the proposal touches on multiple themes?** Select one theme but note in the abstract that it might also fit another theme. The organisers will consider this during the review process.

**Q5: What are the criteria for symposium proposals, including cross-constituency dialogue and the high bar for acceptance?** Symposiums should involve dialogue between different stakeholders, such as policymakers, practitioners, and academics. The bar for acceptance is high due to the time commitment required.

**Q6: Can desktop research be used for an abstract, or does it have to be purely empirical?** Both empirical and theoretical contributions are welcome, as long as they provide novel insights and open up avenues for practice.

**Q7: What are the guidelines for poster submissions, specifically regarding the use of photographs and necessary approvals?** Permissions are required for sharing photographs, and higher-resolution images are preferred for printing.

**Q8: Is there a preference for submissions from a research perspective or can programmatic methodology also be incorporated?** Both research and programmatic methodologies are valued, and the intersection between the two can provide significant insights.

**Q9: What are the factors you should consider when choosing whether to present as a 15-minute presentation or a quickfire presentation?**

When choosing between a 15-minute presentation or a quickfire presentation, consider the time allowed for the presentation. A paper presentation allows more time to explore methodologies, evidence, and detailed discussions, while a quickfire presentation is more suited for thought-provoking ideas that require more discussion and capture the audience quickly



**Q10: How can practice-based evidence be placed and used as knowledge building for the submission?**

Practice-based evidence can be placed and used as knowledge building for the submission by pointing to the wealth of existing knowledge and evidence, and demonstrating how the implementation of programs is forward-looking and based on theoretical perspectives

**Q11: Is there any scope for having placeholders for names instead of actual participant names in a symposium?**

There is scope for having placeholders for names instead of actual participant names in a symposium. However, by the 4th of July, if accepted, everyone will need to have registered.

**Q12: Should we rethink our facilitators if they are very senior in their field?**

It is not exclusively early career professionals who are encouraged to facilitate workshops. Creative sessions should be different, energising, and interesting, bringing another facet to the conference.

**Q13: Is there a limit on how many topics an organisation can submit for both papers and quickfire papers?**

There is no limit on how many topics an organisation can submit for both papers and quickfire papers. However, it is advised to think carefully about what you mostly want to talk about and in what format, as the conference is oversubscribed.

**Q14: What is the weighting given to theoretical papers versus empirical ones?**

There is no specific weightage given to theoretical papers versus empirical ones. The focus is on what the paper offers to the field in terms of insights and how it helps move forward. The importance is on the intersection of theory, research, and practice.

**Q15: Is it OK to submit a general abstract that will use data not yet available?**

It is absolutely fine to submit an abstract with the data you have at the moment and emphasise your research questions or objectives. Sketching out initial findings is possible if you are comfortable, but the conference is interested in fresh insights from ongoing projects.

**Q16: Can someone zoom in if they can't attend the conference in person?**

The conference is planned to be in-person, and online participation is not encouraged. While it is not 100% impossible, the focus is on having an in-person conference to avoid creating two different conferences.

**Q17: Are there any additional costs for hosting a symposium beyond the individual registration fees?**

There is no extra cost, but each member of the symposium will be expected to cover their individual registration fees.