

IACS SUMMIT IN CHICAGO (USA) 2025!



2025 March 13-15

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024 ([submission link](#))

The International Association for Communication and Sport (IACS) invites you to submit your work for a presentation or panel discussion for the 2025 Summit on Communication and Sport in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Scheduled for **March 13-15**, the IACS Summit is the only stand-alone conference for communication researchers interested in exploring sport and welcomes submissions from diverse critical, methodological, theoretical, and multi-disciplinary perspectives.

EVALUATION: All submissions will be evaluated through an anonymous peer review process.

DECISION DEADLINE: Author(s) will receive email notification regarding the outcome of their submission in the first week of December.

AUTHOR LIMITS: A maximum of two (2) submissions in total (papers, panels, or one of each) from a single author will be considered for presentation, regardless of author order.

SESSION INFORMATION:

Research and panel sessions are one hour and fifteen minutes long. Research sessions will be constructed to allow for at least 15 minutes of discussion following the presentations.

Scholars interested in submitting to the 2025 Summit have two options:

1. An extended abstract submission
2. A panel discussion

Submission Guidelines

All papers must be original and not simultaneously submitted to another journal or conference.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS may not exceed 500 words (excluding references) in length and should be prepared for anonymous peer review (clear of any identifying information about the author(s)).

PANEL DISCUSSIONS must focus on a clearly defined theme suitable for an interactive discussion format. Submissions must include a title, a description of up to **250 words** explaining the focus and rationale, and a list of all panelists' institutional or professional affiliation.

TOP STUDENT PAPER: IACS will recognize the Top Student Paper submitted to the Summit with a certificate and a cash award. For award consideration, a full-length manuscript must be submitted to the review committee by **Friday, January 24, 2025**. Students must submit an abstract of their work at the October deadline. Recognition of Top Student Paper will be determined by anonymous peer review of the submission. Papers for consideration must be solely authored by the student(s).



REVIEW INFORMATION: There is only one review criteria for extended abstract submission. Regardless of whether an abstract reflects works in-progress or completed papers, all should be submitted as extended abstracts and will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Clarity of thesis
- Definition of problem
- Theoretical perspective
- Background; review of the literature
- Research questions/hypotheses and/ or rhetorical/critical argument
- Appropriateness of methodology

REVIEWERS will be selected from self-nomination and through the submission process. Reviewers must have, at minimum, a completed master's degree, and have knowledge in the academic disciplines of communication and sport. Reviewers must identify their area of reviewing expertise (quantitative methodology, qualitative methodology, mixed methods, rhetorical/critical).

SUBMISSION AGREEMENT: By submitting an abstract or panel to the 2025 Summit on Communication and Sport, you understand that your submission enters you into an obligation to review up to three other submissions. You also understand that you are obligated to attend the Summit, if your submission is accepted. At least one author listed on the paper must attend the Summit. If you cannot be there to present, it is your responsibility to secure one of your other authors to present your work. Please be conscientious that last-minute cancellations prevent others from being invited to the Summit to present their work.

Summit Inquiries

For conference events inquiries, please contact IACS Executive Director Lauren Smith at IACS@communicationandsport.org.

Visit [our website](#) and join to find Summit information (including hotel and registration information).

Questions about submissions should be emailed to Dr. Angela Pratt at apratt@email.unc.edu.