

General Guidelines

KOTESOL Proceedings 2026



KOTESOL Proceedings 2026 submissions:

1. Should be more than just lecture outlines or handouts and should be written so that the content is accessible to a broad readership. Submissions based on research presentations should follow generally accepted research paper style.
2. Should be consistent with the guidelines of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA Style, 7th ed.)*, particularly for in-text citations and reference list items. The following link provides a good introduction to the basics of APA style:

<https://apastyle.apa.org/>

For the tutorial “Introducing the Basics of Seventh Edition APA Style tutorial,” click on: <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/basics-7e-tutorial>

Note: If APA style is not followed, your submission may not be considered for inclusion in *KOTESOL Proceedings 2026*.

3. Should be limited to no more than 5,000 words (with a 2,500-word lower limit) for research papers and to about 2,000 for panel discussions and workshop reports.
4. Should be limited to a title of 10 words.
5. Should have an abstract of 150 words or less at the beginning of the article.
6. Should follow the general format (for research-based, quantitative papers) of:
 - Title
 - Name, Affiliation, Location
 - Abstract, Keywords [required]
 - Main Body of Paper [including Introduction; and if it is a research report, including Method, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion sections]
 - The Author(s) [biodata (required)]
 - References [if any. Do **not** use the automated citation function in your manuscript.]
 - Selected Resources / Select Readings / Etc. [if any (but not encouraged)]
 - Appendix/Appendices [if any]
 - Notes (Footnotes, Endnotes) [not encouraged. No bottom-of-page footnotes. No automatic footnote formatting]

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See suggested formatting guidelines on pages 3–4 (below).

7. Should be accompanied by a biographical statement of up to 100 words just before the reference list section for each author (Beginning with author name, written in the third person, and including workplace, academic interests, and author email address), plus any special, brief acknowledgments or notations the author/s wish to include.
8. Should be submitted by email attachment to 2026.kotesol.proceedings@gmail.com and include all file graphics as separate attachments as well as incorporated into the manuscript.
9. Should be accompanied by an email message that includes preferred contact information: alternate email address(es), etc.

10. **Should not have been previously published** nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere. This should also be stated in your email submission message.
11. Should be in a Microsoft Word file format (DOC, or preferably DOCx), with accompanying attachments of all graphical items in supported file formats. Figure titles/captions should **not** be part of the graphic.
12. Should be accompanied by a **signed Copyright Agreement** form, scanned and submitted as an email attachment.
13. Should be submitted no later than **July 15, 2026**.

We strongly recommend that you do not exceed 10 single-spaced pages (for research papers: 5,000 words, including tables, figures, references, etc.). If word-count restrictions (2,500–5,000) are problematic, consult the editor at the email address above.

Additional Do's and Don'ts

- Do **not** underline titles, etc.
- Do **not** hyphenate to divide words at the end of lines (right margin).
- Do **not** insert more than a single character-space between words and sentences.
- Do **not** use automated functions for (a) citations/references, (b) footnotes or endnotes, (c) paragraph spacing, or for (d) editing/tracking.
- Be sure that your in-text citations and reference list items correspond (i.e., each in-text citation must also appear as a reference item in the reference list, and each reference item must be cited in the text).
- Be sure that all references are complete in content (author, date, title of work, title of book/journal, page numbers, publisher, etc.).
- Be sure that references and in-text citations **strictly** follow APA Style guidelines as set forth in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th edition).
- Be sure to write in a scholarly research-paper style with text that is fluent, grammatical, and correctly punctuated and spelled (using APA spelling, capitalization, and punctuation standards and using the Oxford comma [i.e., serial comma] consistently).

Note. Non-compliance with any one of the three “do’s” immediately above could result in the non-acceptance of a submitted manuscript.

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Supported File Formats

Manuscript files: DOC or DOCx (Microsoft Word 2015, or later versions, are preferred). Do **not** submit files in Hangul (hwp) format.

Graphics: All graphics should be both inserted in the appropriate place within the text file and submitted as separate graphic files. The preferred formats for graphics are JPG and PNG for continuous tone images and for mono- or duo-tone images. Inclusion of non-table, non-graph artwork is not guaranteed. Due to size limitations, some artwork may not be published.

Formatting for Publication

Your manuscript shall be formatted for publication according to the style notes below. We strongly suggest that submissions strictly adhere to the formatting details in this style guide.

Style / Title	Style Notes (TNR = Times New Roman)
The body of the article	Times New Roman 12, first line indented at 1.27cm, justified
Article Title	TNR 18 Bold, not indented, not centered
Author's name	TNR 14, line space above
<i>Author's workplace or affiliation, city, nation</i>	<i>TNR 12 italicized</i>
Abstract	150 words or less. Leave a line space above and below the abstract. TNR 11, indented 1.27cm left and right
LEVEL 1 HEADINGS	TNR 16 BOLD, LARGE & SMALL CAPS, 2 LINE SPACES ABOVE AND 1 BELOW HEADING
Level 2 Headings	TNR 13 Bold, 1 line space above and 1 below
Level 3 Headings	TNR 12 Bold, 1 line space above, but no space below
Block Quotations	TNR 11, indented 1.27cm left and right, 1 line space above and 1 below. (For quotations of 40 words or more.)
Table Headings	TNR 12 Bold, no space above or below. Located at top of table. (Heading is part of table. See sample below.)
Figure Headings	TNR 12 Bold; 1 line space above. Located above figure. Optional "Note." (TNR 9) may occur under figure.
Table text	TNR 10
'THE AUTHOR' 'REFERENCES' (HEADING FOR THE AUTHOR BIO, AND FOR THE REFERENCES)	TNR 12, LARGE & SMALL CAPS, 2 SPACES ABOVE AND 1 BELOW.
The author biodata	100 words or less per author, begin with author's name, include the author's email address at the end, in this example format: "Email: username@domain.com" TNR11
References in the reference list	TNR 11, no first line indent, hanging indent indented 1.27cm, no space above or below. Strictly APA style.

SAMPLE REFERENCES

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✘ Use DOI index instead of URL in references wherever possible.

Sample Table

TABLE 1. Participant Details

Participant	Type of Online Doctoral Program	Domestic/International	Country of Program	Country of Residence	NES/NNES	Type of Master's Degree
1	Hybrid	Domestic	US	US	NES	Online
2	Hybrid	Domestic	US	US	NNES	Face-to-Face
3	Hybrid	Domestic	US	US	NNES	Face-to-Face
4	Fully Online	International	UK	Korea	NES	Online
5	Fully Online	International	UK	Korea	NES	Online
6	Hybrid	International	US	Korea	NES	Online
7	Hybrid	Domestic	US	US	NNES	Face-to-Face

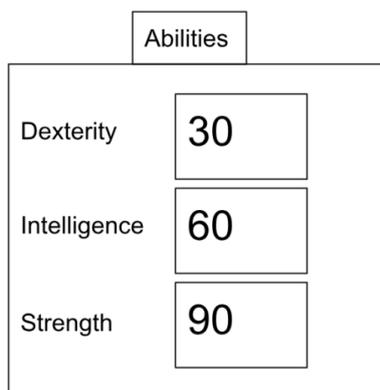
Note. NES = native English speaker; NNES = nonnative English speaker.

Note that:

- All vertical lines are hidden/invisible.
- All horizontal table lines are invisible except those above and below column headings, and the one at the bottom of the body of the table. (Additional horizontal lines may be necessary to separate sections of text-heavy tables.)
- The line below the table heading is thick single-lined, 1½ pt.
- The line below the column headings is thin single-lined, ¾ pt.
- The line at the bottom of the table is thick single-lined, 1½ pt.
- The table heading at the top and the Note at the bottom are part of the table, with outermost lines being invisible.

Sample Figure

FIGURE 1. Ability Modifiers



Note. The three values, 30, 60, and 90, may each be used only once.

Note that:

- Figures have headings; explanations occur as “*Note.*” beneath the figure (TNR 9). Caption-like material becomes part of the “*Note.*”
- Everything that is not a table is labeled “*Figure.*” Nothing is labeled “*Chart,*” “*Diagram,*” “*Illustration,*” “*Graphic,*” etc.
- Figure number and accompanying description/explanation should **not** be part of the graphic but rather appear outside the graphic (as above).