



The graphic features the ACERE 2027 logo at the top left, with the text 'AUSTRALASIAN CONSORTIUM FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESEARCH EXCELLENCE' and 'The Developmental Entrepreneurship Conference' below it. To the right, it states '24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE' and 'UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND 08-12 FEB 2027'. The central part of the graphic is titled 'ACERE CONFERENCE SPONSORS 2027' and displays logos for The University of Sydney Business School, QUT Queensland University of Technology, Swinburne University of Technology, Deakin Business School, Adelaide University, Macquarie University Business School, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, The University of Queensland Australia, and UTS. On the right side, there are two photographs: the top one shows an indoor exhibition space with people, and the bottom one shows a modern building with a curved glass facade.

Submission Guidelines

ACERE 2027 Key Dates and Deadlines

- **Submission deadline:** 15th September 2026
- **Decision announcement:** mid-October 2026
- **Deadline for registration to present:** 30th November 2026
- **Submission Portal:** <https://acere2027.exordo.com/>

Key Submission Information

1. Submission Categories

ACERE has adopted a single-stage submission process for 2027. We accept three types of submissions (you will be asked to indicate submission type on the submission system):

- **Full Paper:** Manuscripts representing well developed research will be considered for presentation in a traditional seminar paper presentation format (typically 5,000–7,000 words, excluding tables and references). However, if judged not to be sufficiently developed research, they may be allocated to a round table presentation format. Only full papers will be considered for best paper awards.
- **Developmental Paper:** This indicates an early-stage manuscript (typically 2,000–4,000 words, excluding tables and references). If accepted, developmental papers will be presented in a round table presentation format.
- **Extended Abstract:** Extended abstracts should be approximately 900 words. If accepted, extended abstracts will be presented in a round table presentation format. Extended abstracts are arranged into three main sections: i) Principal Topic; ii) Method (or “Key Propositions” for conceptual papers); and iii) Results and Implications.

2. Eligibility

Papers must not have been previously presented or scheduled for presentation at any other conference. If the work has been presented at a previous ACERE or other conference, the submission must represent a serious development beyond that of the previous presentation.

3. Deadline for Authors to Register to Present

At least one author from each accepted submission must have registered to attend and indicate that they will present the paper at the Conference (indicating the paper submission number) by Monday 30th November 2026 (end of early-bird registration). Accepted papers without at least one registered author will be withdrawn and will not be included in the conference programme for presentation.

Requirements for Authors

Expectation to Review

- Lead authors are required to review 2–3 papers per submission in return for receiving feedback on their own paper. If lead authors are not able to review, then a co-author must conduct the reviews.

Expectation to Present the Accepted Paper(s)

- The submitting author or one of the co-authors must be available to attend the ACERE 2027 conference and present the accepted paper(s).

Withdrawing Your Paper

- If your paper is accepted for presentation and you later discover you cannot attend the event, please ensure you contact the ACERE Organising Committee as soon as possible (info@acereconference.com).

4. General Format Requirements for Submissions

When making a submission, please ensure that the format requirements below are adhered to, and that requested information is included in the order given:

- Use Times New Roman 12pt and single spacing
- No identifying information (author names, email addresses, institutions)
- MS Word Header and Footer can be used for the title of the paper and page numbers
- No inclusion of any institutional graphics or logos
- References must be in a consistent academic style (e.g. Harvard or APA)
- Documents must be tidy and not show any history of tracked changes or comments
- If your paper includes graphics, please ensure these are of high quality and consider your final file size
- No changes to the paper title, abstract, authorship, or paper content can be made after the submission deadline
- Check that the PDF file of your paper prints correctly (i.e. all imported figures and tables are present), and ensure that the file is virus-free

4.1 Paper Submission for Review – FULL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PAPERS

Files should be uploaded to the submission portal in PDF format and must exclude all author identifying information (such as name, institution or contact details). This file will be used in the reviewing process; any paper with author information and less than 2,000 words will be automatically withdrawn. On the submission system, you will be asked to indicate whether you want your submission to be considered as a full paper or a developmental paper.

Deadline for Full / Developmental Paper Submission

- Tuesday 15th September 2026

Submission Portal

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Page 1: Title Page

- Title
- Abstract (maximum of 150 words)
- Submission category (Full Paper / Developmental Paper)
- Word count (excluding tables and references)

Page 2 onwards: Body of paper

4.2 Extended Abstract Submission for Review

Extended Abstracts will be submitted to the submission portal in PDF format and must exclude all author identifying information (such as name, institution or contact details). This file will be used in the reviewing process. You will be asked to indicate this submission type on the submission system. Extended abstract must include:

- Title
- Submission category (Extended Abstract)
- Principal Topic (at least 300 words and no more than 500 words)
- Method (or “Key Propositions” for conceptual papers) (at least 200 words and no more than 300 words)
- Results and Implications (at least 100 words and no more than 300 words)

Deadline for Extended Abstract Submission

- Tuesday 15th September 2026

Submission Portal

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5. Review Process

The submission will be reviewed and you will be advised of its acceptance or rejection in mid-October 2026.

All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer review. Reviewers will be asked to consider the fit with the ACERE conference (scholarly contributions to entrepreneurship and innovation, broadly defined), the quality and originality of ideas, methodology, theoretical contribution, clarity of presentation, and potential interest to other participants. Papers will be judged against the norms of the category in which they are submitted.