

Crafting the Future of Diamond Open Access

Technical | Social | Political
Perspectives of Scholarly Publishing

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Call for Proposals

The CRAFT-OA conference, “Crafting the Future of Diamond Open Access: Technical, Social, and Political Perspectives of Scholarly Publishing,” will bring together the **Diamond Open Access community (researchers, publishers, librarians, policy makers, funders, technology providers, university administrators, and more)** to exchange ideas, reflect on achievements, and explore how to shape the future of coordinated Diamond Open Access publishing practices. Diamond Open Access ensures no fees for readers or authors!

Submission Deadline: June 1, 2025. We invite contributions related to challenges, best practices and projects on one or more of the following three themes:

#1 Technical Frameworks

- Integrating and ensuring quality of decentralised, collaboratively managed platforms, plugins and other software
- Innovations across the data-driven publication lifecycle—from submission to archiving
- Metadata services and standards that enable interoperability and discoverability
- Technical trends and challenges in open peer review processes
- The role of AI in scholarly communication

#2 Community Empowerment

- Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in publishing systems
- Sustainability strategies for federated infrastructures
- Developing and sharing educational and training resources

#3 Policy Concepts

- Policies, communication actions, and frameworks that support a federated Diamond OA infrastructure
- Governance models for community-led publishing systems: best practices, needs, and challenges
- Examples of innovative funding programmes or long-term financing models for the Diamond OA publishing infrastructure



Submission details at
craft-oa.eu/conference

Contribution Formats:

Presentations: 20-minute talks in moderated sessions. Each talk will have an additional 10 minutes for the discussion

Poster Lightning Talks: 5-7 minute talk to showcase projects, ideas, or initiatives, accompanied by a poster (English, size A1, vertical orientation)

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Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit proposals for presentations and lightning talks as a **single PDF file** to craft-oa-final-event@sub.uni-goettingen.de. In the subject field, please mention: “**Submission to the CRAFT-OA Conference**”

Include in your proposal:

- Contribution format (Presentation or Poster Lightning Talk)
- Relevant theme(s) (Technical Frameworks / Community Empowerment / Policy Concepts)
- Short presenter bio (up to 150 words), including ORCID, affiliation, and contact info
- For Presentation submissions: Title and abstract (up to 300 words)
- For Poster Lightning Talk submissions: Poster title and description (up to 300 words)



Evaluation and selection criteria:

Proposals will be assessed by the Programme Committee based on their:

- Relevance to the call's themes
- Potential to inspire discussion and collaboration
- Impact on the Diamond OA community
- Innovation and originality
- Openness of the solution/method/product
- Clarity and quality of the abstract

We also aim to ensure a balanced mix of topics and geographical representation.

Please note: All posters and presentation slides will be published in the CRAFT-OA Final Event Community on Zenodo. By submitting a proposal, you agree to this publication.

More details at craft-oa.eu/conference