



Global Flourishing Conference **Advancing Science and Solutions for a Flourishing World**

General information

Open call for abstracts: The Global Flourishing Conference, organized by Templeton World Charity Foundation, is pleased to invite abstracts from researchers, scientists, economists, entrepreneurs, educators, philosophers, technologists, theologians, activists, policymakers, and other stakeholders with a keen interest in human flourishing research and innovation.

As humans, we are part of an interdependent ecosystem where we both affect outcomes and are affected by them. When the natural world and its diverse native ecologies thrive, humans flourish too. When humans flourish, it means we are on a journey toward a life that is holistically good – encompassing physical and mental well-being. It also means finding fulfillment through relationships and bonds, and living with purpose and building character. When humans flourish, we have agency and can direct our own lives.

Awards: Abstracts selected by the jury will be eligible for display in the virtual conference poster hall. A subset of those selected will also be offered a ‘spotlight talk’ slot during the conference. Additionally, the Global Flourishing Conference will award ten prizes of \$1,000 USD each to top-scoring abstracts, as determined by the independent jury.

Eligible topics: Abstracts will be accepted across the 13 focus areas listed below. Abstracts should address the understanding and measurement of human flourishing - especially across cultures - and / or how specific interventions can demonstrably increase flourishing amid modern challenges and situations of adversity.

Authors should emphasize how the presented work has created a positive impact on the field of human flourishing research and / or how the research will be of relevance to policymakers and practitioners and / or will change the course of human flourishing science in the future.

Multi-disciplinary research is highly encouraged; we expect to see a number of submissions that cut across focus areas (e.g., culture and education, arts and philosophy, etc.). Submitters may check up to 3 focus areas when they submit their abstract.

Focus areas:

- 1. Arts and Humanities:** The role of arts and humanities in promoting

flourishing

2. **Biology:** The biological basis for human flourishing
3. **Culture:** The role of communities, cooperation, and diverse societies in collective global flourishing
4. **Ecology:** The promotion of planetary flourishing; nature connectedness and well-being; cosmic and other non-human forms of flourishing
5. **Economics:** Creating a dynamic economy to expand opportunities for flourishing
6. **Education:** Teaching and learning to promote flourishing
7. **Health:** The role of physical health, mental health, and health systems in promoting flourishing
8. **Philosophy:** The conceptual and philosophical basis of our understanding of flourishing
9. **Policy:** Effective promotion of flourishing across the globe within the public sector
10. **Psychology:** The role of character traits and virtues in promoting flourishing
11. **Religion and Spirituality:** Religious and spiritual practices to promote flourishing
12. **Technology and AI:** Technology and the future of flourishing (including artificial intelligence and collective intelligence)
13. **Other:** Another discipline not captured in the list above

Eligibility of abstracts and authors: Only abstracts with original work will be accepted for the conference. The primary author must have participated in the activities showcased in the abstract and obtained the necessary regulatory board approvals where sensitive data is used in the paper, as well as any necessary ethical clearance documents for human subjects research.

We will accept any published papers; pre-prints; or completed / very late-stage research that is ready to be presented (though is not necessarily yet in paper form). Research should be ongoing or completed and the author should, ideally, be able to present data / outcomes. Preference will be given to recent research to ensure relevance to the current human flourishing landscape. We will consider up to two abstracts per primary author.

Abstract submission

Authors should upload their abstracts via the Oxford Abstracts submission portal for the conference, which can be found [here](#).

- **Opening of call:** Abstract submissions will open on **27 July 2023**.
- **Submission deadline:** The abstract submission deadline is **15 September 2023** at 23:59 hrs UTC (19:59 hrs EDT). **No abstracts will be accepted past

the official due date.**

- **Evaluation:** All abstracts submitted will be reviewed by at least two independent reviewers.
- **Acceptance:** Applicants will be notified of acceptances by **30 October 2023**. The Global Flourishing Conference reserves the right to amend deadlines, as needed. Any and all changes will be communicated to all submitters.

Note: If you believe your research cannot fit the structure of the abstract submission platform, get in touch with us at **Abstracts@humanflourishing.org** and we will see how we can help.

Abstract structure

Word count: The abstract should not exceed a combined word count of **500 words** (which includes the introduction, methods, and results and conclusions, but does not include the title, keywords, or list of authors).

Fields: The main content fields are introduction / background, methods, results and conclusions. Submitters must fill out all fields. Any abstract that submits 'not applicable' or something similar as one of their field entries will be disqualified.

Authors: Provide the names and organizational affiliations of the first author, all co-authors, and associated funders.

Key words: Please include 4 – 6 keywords.

Title: The title should be informative but concise with no subtitles or abbreviations / acronyms.

Write the title in sentence case and only capitalize proper nouns and scientific names where appropriate.

Introduction / background: Address the scientific background, rationale for the study, and its significance for flourishing research and innovation. Because of the anticipated diversity of the reviewers and those attending the conference, do not assume that everyone will be familiar with your topic. Explain why your study is important and what question(s) it will answer. A clearly stated background sets the stage and should include:

- A brief description of the topic and its flourishing significance
- The objectives of the study
- The research questions or study hypothesis in question

Methods: Describe the methods used for the study. Points you may want to

highlight include:

- Study design, including controls
- Study setting
- Study population
- Eligibility criteria and case definitions if any
- Sample size and sampling methods
- Data management and analysis

Results: Present the significant findings (both positive and negative) of the study that are directly related to the study objectives. This section should not include a discussion of the results. Provide both absolute numbers and their percentages/proportions, rates, and ratios where applicable. Please note that since an abstract is a stand-alone and citable document, the results section should contain data. It should not include statements such as “Data will be discussed.” If considerable work is still pending before the conference submission, please indicate that the results are preliminary.

Conclusions: Be as concise as possible. Do not re-state data included in the results. This section should include an interpretation of key findings and their implications for the field of human flourishing.

Evaluation Criteria

Each abstract will be evaluated by at least two independent reviewers using the following criteria:

- Rationale for study and relevance to the focus area, including its potential application for practical use
- Methods
- Presentation and interpretation of results
- Innovation and uniqueness

Contact Details

For further details about abstract submissions to the Global Flourishing Conference, please visit the conference website at www.humanflourishing.org or email us directly at Abstracts@humanflourishing.org.