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MLA 2018 Reviewer Training

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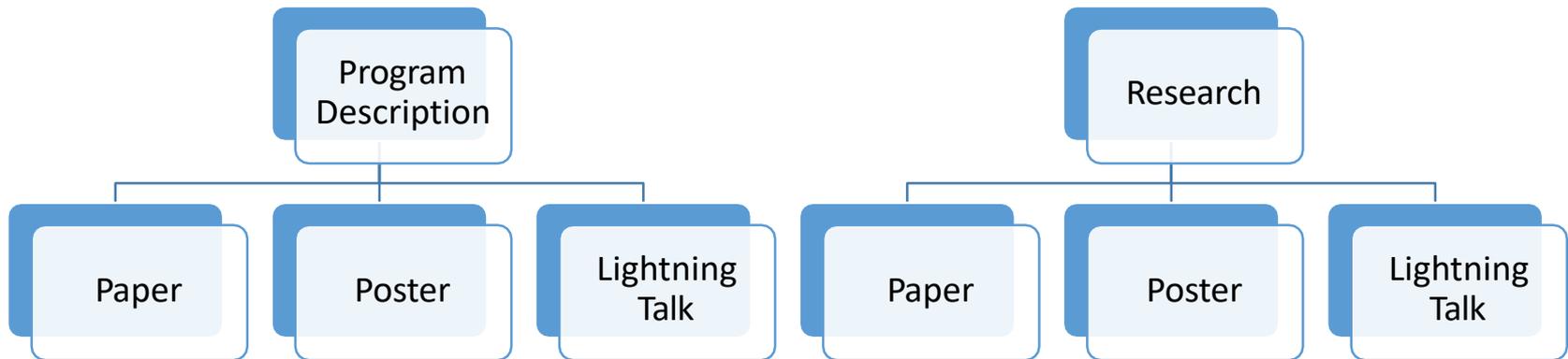
Overview

- Types of submissions
- Applying Rubrics
- Using the reviewer website
- Questions

Types of Submissions

Submitters make two decisions about their proposal:

1. Is it a **program description abstract** or a **research abstract**?
2. What is the presentation format?



Types of Submissions

Program Description Abstract

creation and
improvement of
products, programs,
technologies,
administrative practices,
or services

Research Abstract

report on designing,
conducting, and analyzing
a research project

Presentation Formats

- Paper: 15 minutes to present
- Poster: author should staff poster for 1 hour
- Lightning talk: 5 minutes to present
- Special Content Session: 90 minute session

Rubrics

- 9 criteria for each type of submission
- All criteria scored using 5-point standard Likert scale:
 - 5 – Strongly Agree
 - 4 – Agree
 - 3 – Neutral / Neither agree nor disagree
 - 2 – Disagree
 - 1 – Strongly Disagree

Rubrics – Common Criteria

- 1.The abstract is clearly written and well-structured.
- 2.The project described in the abstract would be of interest to attendees from various types of health sciences libraries.
- 3.The abstract submission is appropriate for the selected format (paper, poster, lightning talk).
- 4.The overall objectives of the program or research are specifically described.

Rubrics – Criteria by Abstract Type

Program Description Rubric

- 5.The main purpose of the program is identified and described clearly.
6. The key steps of the program are clearly described and can be easily identified.
- 7.The program responds to an identified need or presents a novel concept in the health sciences.
- 8.An appropriate evaluation of the program is described clearly.
- 9.The projected/anticipated outcomes of the program are relevant to supporting the health librarianship field.

Research Rubric

- 5.The research question or hypothesis is stated clearly.
6. This research project responds to an identified gap in the health sciences literature.
- 7.The method(s) of the research are stated clearly.
- 8.The research method(s) used are appropriate for the question.
- 9.Appropriate analyses of data (statistical, qualitative, etc.) are described clearly

Rubric – Special Content Session

- 1.The proposal overall is clearly written and well-structured.
- 2.The project described in the abstract would be of interest to attendees from various types of health sciences libraries.
- 3.The selected program format is appropriate for the content.
- 4.The application clearly describes the logistical requirements of the session and provides a logistics contact.
- 5.The program will appeal to the target audience and target learner level.
- 6.The program description is interesting, inspiring, and/or important to conference attendees.
- 7.The program description shows originality and innovation.
- 8.The program is likely to attract a sufficient number of conference attendees.
- 9.The proposal clearly addresses a relevant and timely idea, issue, or need.
- 10.The overall outcomes of the program are specifically described.
- 11.Attendees at MLA '18 will benefit from the content of this program.

Using the Reviewer Website



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Welcome to the MLA '18 Submission Site

The 2018 National Program Committee invites submissions for papers, posters, lightning talks, and special content sessions that support the theme, "ATL: Adapting, Transforming, Leading." Submit using this online abstract submission site starting on Monday, August 1, 2017 and ending at 6:00 p.m., central time, on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

During the submission process, you will rank your presentation format (Paper / Poster / Lightning Talk). If your submission is not accepted in the first round of reviews, it will be considered during the second of reviews if you select a second format preference. Note: if you do not indicate a second format preference, submissions not accepted in the first round, will not be considered for a second round of reviews.

Special content sessions may include a panel of invited speakers, a single invited speaker, a facilitated book discussion, and so on.

Plan your submission using the [structured abstract guidelines](#). When submitting structured abstracts, authors will decide whether their abstract is a research abstract or program description abstract:

- Research abstracts report on designing, conducting, and analyzing a research project.
- Program Description abstracts describe the creation and improvement of products, programs, technologies, administrative practices, or services conducted by librarians and information professionals.

New this year: when completing your submissions, please include results and conclusions (if complete). These will be included in the peer review process.

Authors should select carefully, as different criteria are used to assess research and program description abstracts. All criteria for both kinds of abstracts are available in the [MLA '18 FAQ: Papers, Posters, Lightning Talks, and Special Content Sessions](#).

Paper / Poster / Lightning Talks acceptance or decline letters will be sent by December 15, 2017.

For more information, contact 2018ccwg@gmail.com

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[Special Content Session FAQs](#)

Paper / Poster / Lightning Talks acceptance or decline letters will be sent by December 16, 2016.

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MLA 2018 Annual Convention

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Dates: May 18–23, 2018

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[Review Period: August 21 - October 22, 2017](#)

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Important Dates

Review period

- Round 1: Oct 16 -22
- Round 2: Nov 7 -13
- Acceptance notices: mid-December
- May 18 – 23, 2018, Atlanta, GA



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