



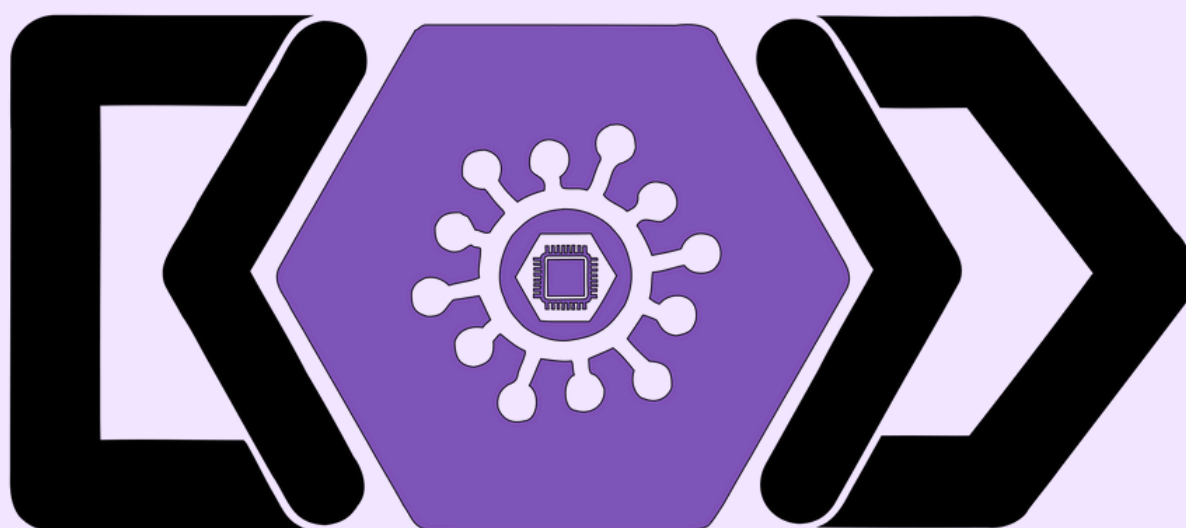
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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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Bioinformatics Open Days
2026

Call for Submissions

Bioinformatics Open Days 2026: Bridging Innovation and Collaboration

Bioinformatics continues to thrive as a dynamic and interdisciplinary field, driving groundbreaking advancements in both research and industry. This rapidly evolving domain offers unparalleled opportunities for discovery, innovation, and collaboration, shaping the future of science and technology.

Portugal has embraced this global momentum, with Bioinformatics flourishing across academic institutions and the business sector. The country's commitment to excellence is reflected in its world-class postgraduate programs and the rise of cutting-edge startups, many of which are forging international partnerships and pushing the boundaries of the field.

At the heart of this growth is the Bioinformatics Open Days, a pioneering student-led initiative that began at the University of Minho, Braga, in 2012. This annual event serves as a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange, connecting students, educators, and researchers in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology. We are thrilled to announce that the 2026 edition will take place at the University of Minho's Gualtar Campus from March 25th to 27th, 2026, with hands-on workshops scheduled for the 27th.

The program for 2026 promises a rich and diverse lineup of activities, including oral presentations, poster sessions, and software demonstrations, all designed to spark engaging discussions and foster constructive feedback. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn from keynote lectures by renowned experts and participate in focused panel discussions featuring leading academics and industry professionals.

We invite the scientific community to contribute to this exciting event by submitting abstracts for oral presentations, posters, or software demonstrations on any topic related to Bioinformatics or Computational Biology. Your insights and innovations will help shape the future of the field. For submission guidelines, please see below.

Join us for the Bioinformatics Open Days 2026 - where ideas converge, collaborations flourish, and the future of Bioinformatics takes center stage!

Submission Guidelines

- All abstracts must be submitted in **English**.
- The manuscript must follow the following formatting rules:
 - **Title:** Times New Roman, size 16, centered alignment;
 - **Authors:** Times New Roman, size 14, centered alignment;
 - **Body and Authors Affiliation:** Times New Roman, size 12, justified alignment and a maximum of 350 words;
 - **Document margins:** 2,5cm at the top and bottom and 3,0 cm on the left and right.
- **The presentation preference must be specified at the bottom of the document.** There are 3 presentation typologies:
 - **“Oral”:** includes a short 15-minute presentation (in English) in the main event, with a 5 minutes discussion.
 - **“Poster”:** allows the submitter to present a poster representing the work submitted in the abstract, at the poster exhibition.
 - **“Software”:** allows the submitter to present their own developed software tool representing the work submitted in the abstract, at the software exhibition.
- The submissions must be done by filling out the **google form** available on the website (<https://forms.gle/EauscQEGKHUiPjGc8>). **The submission period closes on 19 December 2025.**
- The submission must include both the pdf and word files with a **size limit of 100Mb combined**.
- Authors of accepted submissions will need to register for the event in the full registration mode, which includes two lunches (25th and 26th), one formal dinner (25th), one informal dinner (26th) and allows the attendance in all days, with a cost of 75 euros.

A scientific committee will be responsible for the abstract selection. **The following criteria will be considered:**

- Relevance to the community;
- Originality of the research;
- Scientific accuracy;
- Language