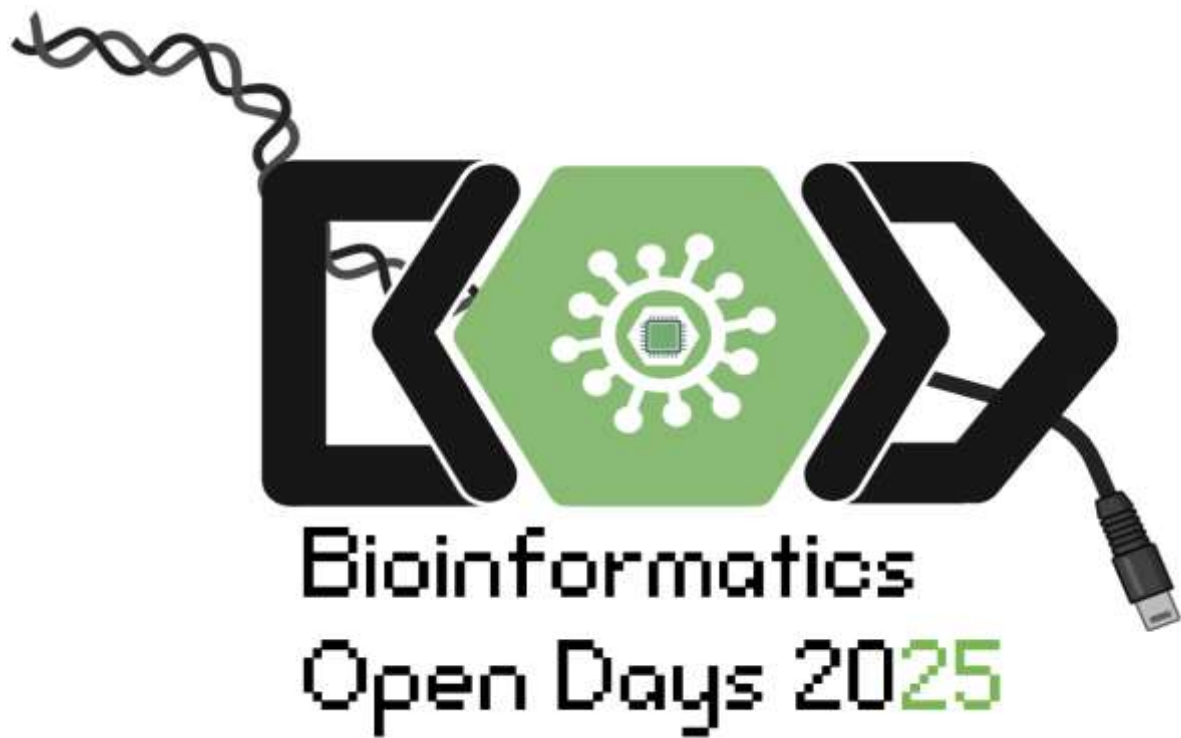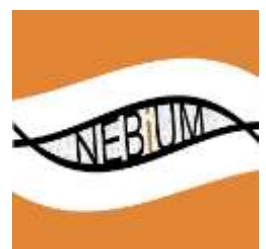# Submission Guidelines

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Bioinformatics has been significantly growing as an interdisciplinary technological and scientific field, providing enormous challenges and opportunities both in research and for companies.

Bioinformatics has seen remarkable growth in Portugal in recent years, in line with global trends. This expansion is evident both academically, through the development of prestigious post-graduation programs, and in the economic/business sector, where a number of innovative start-ups with international connections with companies have emerged.

A fundamental contributor to this growth is the **Bioinformatics Open Days**, a student-driven initiative first launched at the University of Minho, Braga, in 2012. The event's primary aim is to foster the exchange of knowledge and ideas between students, teachers, and researchers engaged in the domains of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology. The upcoming edition of this event will be held at the University of Minho's Gualtar Campus from March 26th to 28th of March 2025, with dedicated workshops scheduled on the 28th.

This year's program will feature a wide variety of activities, including oral presentations, poster sessions, and software demonstrations, aiming to encourage lively discussions and constructive criticism/feedback. Attendees of this event will also benefit from lectures by distinguished speakers and researchers from various fields, as well as focused discussions that will bring together leading academics and industry professionals in the area.

At this stage, we invite contributions from the scientific community for oral presentations, poster displays and software communications. Abstract submissions on any topic related to Bioinformatics or Computational Biology are welcome. Please refer to the guidelines below for more details on how to submit.

We look forward to your active participation and the unique insights you'll bring to the Bioinformatics Open Days 2025!

Submission Guidelines

1. All abstracts must be submitted in **English**.

2. 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.

3. **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.

4. The submissions must be done by filling out the [google form](https://forms.gle/KkAsCKf1XgnwPZ258) available on the website (https://forms.gle/KkAsCKf1XgnwPZ258).

5. The submission must include both the pdf and word files with a size limit of 100Mb combined.

6. Authors of accepted submissions will need to register for the event in the full registration mode, which includes two lunches (26th and 27th), one formal dinner (26th), one informal dinner (27th) 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