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005 **FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR GEN<sup>2</sup> @ ICLR 2026**  
006 **WORKSHOP SUBMISSIONS**

007 **Anonymous authors**

008 Paper under double-blind review

009 **ABSTRACT**

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011 The abstract must be limited to one paragraph. If you use the provided LaTex  
012 template ant style files, you will successfully adhere to the following formatting  
013 requirements: The abstract paragraph should be indented 1/2 inch (3 picas) on  
014 both left and right-hand margins. Use 10 point type, with a vertical spacing of  
015 11 points. The word ABSTRACT must be centered, in small caps, and in point size  
016 12. Two line spaces precede the abstract.

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018 **1 SUBMISSION OF WORKSHOP PAPERS TO GEN<sup>2</sup> @ ICLR 2026**

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020 ICLR and its workshops require electronic submissions, processed by OpenReview. Our submission  
021 page is at <https://openreview.net/group?id=ICLR.cc/2026/Workshop/Gen2>.  
022 See our website for more instructions: <https://genai-in-genomics.github.io/>.

023 If your paper is ultimately accepted and you consent to making your submission publicly available  
024 (non-archival), we will request a de-anonymized camera ready version. At that time, the statement  
025 \iclrfinalcopy should be inserted to adjust the format to the camera ready requirements.

026 The format for the submissions is a variant of the ICLR format. If you use this template with the  
027 provided style files without modifying them, you will have successfully adhered to the formatting  
028 requirements. Please also pay attention to the page limits on the main text of the initial submission,  
029 as listed in the instructions below (8 pages for Full Workshop Papers and 4 pages for Tiny Papers).

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031 **1.1 STYLE & STYLE FILES**

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033 Papers to be submitted to Gen<sup>2</sup> 2026 must be prepared according to the instructions presented here.  
034 Authors are required to use the template and style files for Gen<sup>2</sup> @ ICLR 2026, made available here:

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036 <https://github.com/genai-in-genomics/gen2templates>

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038 This file (gen2\_iclr2026\_instructions.pdf) contains instructions and illustrates  
039 the various formatting requirements your Gen<sup>2</sup> workshop paper must satisfy. The file  
040 gen2\_iclr2026\_workshop.tex may be used as a “shell” for writing your paper. All you  
041 have to do is replace the author, title, abstract, and text of the paper with your own.

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043 Submissions must be made using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and the style files gen2\_iclr2026.sty and  
044 gen2\_iclr2026\_workshop.bst (to be used with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X2e). Tweaking the style  
045 files may be grounds for rejection. Please note that we have an additional style file  
046 gen2\_iclr2026tiny.sty, which we recommend you use instead of gen2\_iclr2026.sty  
047 if you are making a Tiny Papers submission (detailed below). The only difference is a note in the  
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049 can evaluate accordingly. This is not a requirement; you will not be penalized for using the default  
050 style file.

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052 The formatting instructions contained in these style files are summarized in sections 2, 3, and 4  
053 below.

## 054 2 GENERAL FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS 055

056 We accept two types of submissions: **Full Workshop Papers** (4-8 pages) and **Tiny Papers** (2-4  
057 pages).

059 For initial submissions, there will be a strict upper limit of **8 pages** for the main text of the full  
060 workshop papers and **4 pages** for the tiny papers, with unlimited additional pages for citations.  
061 This limit will be expanded to **9 and 5 pages** for the camera ready version, to allow for authors  
062 to incorporate reviewer feedback if they wish. While there is no strict lower limit, we expect full  
063 workshop papers to be at least 4 pages long, and tiny paper submissions to be at least 2 pages long.

064 if you follow this template without modifying the style files, you will have adhered to the following  
065 formatting requirements:

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067 cas) long. The left margin is 1.5 inch (9 picas). Use 10 point type with a vertical spacing  
068 of 11 points. Times New Roman is the preferred typeface throughout. Paragraphs are  
069 separated by 1/2 line space, with no indentation.
- 070 • Paper title is 17 point, in small caps and left-aligned. All pages should start at 1 inch  
071 (6 picas) from the top of the page.
- 072 • Authors' names are set in boldface, and each name is placed above its corresponding ad-  
073 dress. The lead author's name is to be listed first, and the co-authors' names are set to  
074 follow. Authors sharing the same address can be on the same line.

075 Please pay special attention to the instructions in section 4 regarding figures, tables, acknowledg-  
076 ments, and references.

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## 089 4 CITATIONS, FIGURES, TABLES, REFERENCES 090

091 These instructions apply to everyone, regardless of the formatter being used.

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094 Citations within the text should be based on the `natbib` package and include the authors' last names  
095 and year (with the "et al." construct for more than two authors). When the authors or the publication  
096 are included in the sentence, the citation should not be in parenthesis using `\citet{}` (as in "See  
097 Hinton et al. (2006) for more information."). Otherwise, the citation should be in parenthesis using  
098 `\citep{}` (as in "Deep learning shows promise to make progress towards AI (Bengio & LeCun,  
099 2007).").

100 The corresponding references are to be listed in alphabetical order of authors, in the REFERENCES  
101 section. As to the format of the references themselves, any style is acceptable as long as it is used  
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109 Table 1: Sample table title

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## 4.2 FOOTNOTES

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## 4.4 TABLES

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## 5 DEFAULT NOTATION

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In an attempt to encourage standardized notation, we have included the notation file from the textbook, *Deep Learning* Goodfellow et al. (2016) available at <https://github.com/>

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162 goodfeli/dlbook\_notation/. Use of this style is **not required** and **can be disabled** by  
163 commenting out `math_commands.tex`.

### 164      **Numbers and Arrays**

166	$a$	A scalar (integer or real)
167	$\mathbf{a}$	A vector
168	$\mathbf{A}$	A matrix
170	$\mathbf{A}$	A tensor
171	$I_n$	Identity matrix with $n$ rows and $n$ columns
172	$I$	Identity matrix with dimensionality implied by context
174	$e^{(i)}$	Standard basis vector $[0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$ with a 1 at position $i$
176	$\text{diag}(\mathbf{a})$	A square, diagonal matrix with diagonal entries given by $\mathbf{a}$
177	$\mathbf{a}$	A scalar random variable
179	$\mathbf{a}$	A vector-valued random variable
180	$\mathbf{A}$	A matrix-valued random variable

### 182      **Sets and Graphs**

184	$\mathbb{A}$	A set
185	$\mathbb{R}$	The set of real numbers
186	$\{0, 1\}$	The set containing 0 and 1
187	$\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$	The set of all integers between 0 and $n$
189	$[a, b]$	The real interval including $a$ and $b$
191	$(a, b]$	The real interval excluding $a$ but including $b$
192	$\mathbb{A} \setminus \mathbb{B}$	Set subtraction, i.e., the set containing the elements of $\mathbb{A}$ that are not in $\mathbb{B}$
195	$\mathcal{G}$	A graph
196	$P_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{x}_i)$	The parents of $\mathbf{x}_i$ in $\mathcal{G}$

### 198      **Indexing**

199	$a_i$	Element $i$ of vector $\mathbf{a}$ , with indexing starting at 1
200	$a_{-i}$	All elements of vector $\mathbf{a}$ except for element $i$
202	$A_{i,j}$	Element $i, j$ of matrix $\mathbf{A}$
203	$\mathbf{A}_{i,:}$	Row $i$ of matrix $\mathbf{A}$
204	$\mathbf{A}_{:,i}$	Column $i$ of matrix $\mathbf{A}$
206	$\mathbf{A}_{i,j,k}$	Element $(i, j, k)$ of a 3-D tensor $\mathbf{A}$
207	$\mathbf{A}_{:,:,i}$	2-D slice of a 3-D tensor
209	$\mathbf{a}_i$	Element $i$ of the random vector $\mathbf{a}$

### 210      **Calculus**

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216	$\frac{dy}{dx}$	Derivative of $y$ with respect to $x$
217	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$	Partial derivative of $y$ with respect to $x$
218	$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} y$	Gradient of $y$ with respect to $\mathbf{x}$
219	$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} y$	Matrix derivatives of $y$ with respect to $\mathbf{X}$
220	$\nabla_{\mathbf{xy}}$	Tensor containing derivatives of $y$ with respect to $\mathbf{X}$
221	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$	Jacobian matrix $\mathbf{J} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
222	$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x})$ or $\mathbf{H}(f)(\mathbf{x})$	The Hessian matrix of $f$ at input point $\mathbf{x}$
223	$\int f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$	Definite integral over the entire domain of $\mathbf{x}$
224	$\int_{\mathbb{S}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$	Definite integral with respect to $\mathbf{x}$ over the set $\mathbb{S}$

### Probability and Information Theory

232	$P(a)$	A probability distribution over a discrete variable
233	$p(a)$	A probability distribution over a continuous variable, or over a variable whose type has not been specified
234	$a \sim P$	Random variable $a$ has distribution $P$
235	$\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P}[f(x)]$ or $\mathbb{E}f(x)$	Expectation of $f(x)$ with respect to $P(x)$
236	$\text{Var}(f(x))$	Variance of $f(x)$ under $P(x)$
237	$\text{Cov}(f(x), g(x))$	Covariance of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ under $P(x)$
238	$H(x)$	Shannon entropy of the random variable $x$
239	$D_{\text{KL}}(P \  Q)$	Kullback-Leibler divergence of $P$ and $Q$
240	$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$	Gaussian distribution over $\mathbf{x}$ with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

### Functions

248	$f : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$	The function $f$ with domain $\mathbb{A}$ and range $\mathbb{B}$
249	$f \circ g$	Composition of the functions $f$ and $g$
250	$f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$	A function of $\mathbf{x}$ parametrized by $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . (Sometimes we write $f(\mathbf{x})$ and omit the argument $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ to lighten notation)
251	$\log x$	Natural logarithm of $x$
252	$\sigma(x)$	Logistic sigmoid, $\frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$
253	$\zeta(x)$	Softplus, $\log(1 + \exp(x))$
254	$\ \mathbf{x}\ _p$	$L^p$ norm of $\mathbf{x}$
255	$\ \mathbf{x}\ $	$L^2$ norm of $\mathbf{x}$
256	$x^+$	Positive part of $x$ , i.e., $\max(0, x)$
257	$\mathbf{1}_{\text{condition}}$	is 1 if the condition is true, 0 otherwise

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270    **6 FINAL INSTRUCTIONS**  
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274    perhaps in the REFERENCES section; see below). Please note that pages should be numbered.  
275276    **7 PREPARING POSTSCRIPT OR PDF FILES**  
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279    -t letter option on dvips will produce US Letter files.  
280281    Consider directly generating PDF files using pdflatex (especially if you are a MiKTeX user).  
282    PDF figures must be substituted for EPS figures, however.283    Otherwise, please generate your PostScript and PDF files with the following commands:  
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287288    **7.1 MARGINS IN LATEX**  
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291    commands. We suggest using the command \includegraphics from the graphicx package.  
292    Always specify the figure width as a multiple of the line width as in the example below using .eps  
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314    those to funding agencies, go at the end of the paper. **Please do not include the Acknowledgement**  
315    **section in your initial submission**, as it may contain information that reveals the author identities  
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328 **A APPENDIX**  
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