

How to Write an Abstract

Effectively communicate what your research project or paper is all about.

An abstract concisely states your project's aims, purpose, methods, and contribution. It may be used to apply for a conference and it is often provided at the beginning of a published article. Typically, this brief summary is 250-300 words. It usually provides:

1. Context - What is your research topic or question? This is often based on what is already known from the literature.

2. Purpose - What are the goals of the project?

3. Methods - How was your research was conducted?

4. Findings - What did you find?

5. Significance - Why people should care about your research?

Avoid using jargon & technical terms. Do not include a bibliography or footnotes.

Write clearly and concisely.

Proofread and check guidelines before submitting your abstract.