

PDD21 contribution guidelines

You can participate in the PostDoc Day as a **non-contributor**, present a **poster**, and/or opt for a **talk**. We encourage you to contribute and show us your research at PDD21!

Contribution types

Poster

In the case of in-person PDD, posters will be presented during sessions along the day as usual. No strict content guidelines apply to posters, but we recommend you to follow the advice in *Scope and content* below. In the case of a virtual event, short presentations (1-3 slides) will be presented. You will receive more detailed instructions via email before PDD.

Talk

Talks are delivered in 15 minute blocks, with 10-12 minutes for speaking and 5-3 minutes for questions. Please keep this time limit in mind, as we need to keep a strict schedule so everyone has their chance to participate.

Length

Your abstract **can not be longer than 200 words**. This length limit will be strictly enforced: longer abstracts will not be considered for *Talk* selection.

Scope and content

The audience of the PostDoc Day has **diverse scientific backgrounds**, so please keep this in mind when writing your abstract. Abstracts should introduce the particular topic of research, methods and/or results in a general fashion. Avoid specialized jargon and acronyms to the extent possible. In particular, journal-like abstracts will be considered negatively.

Abstract selection criteria

8 - 10 Talks will be selected from all contributions submitted as *Talk*. **All Berlin-based postdocs from any area of Science are eligible**. Contributions from **final year PhD students** will also be considered, but postdoc contributions will have preference.

The first selection criterion is formal: your contribution must adhere to the guideline described above. The second stage is the individual evaluation by the PDD organization committee. The members will review the anonymized contributions and assign a score between 1 and 4. Only the person responsible for the process — who is not part of the evaluation team — will be able to reconnect the abstracts to the contributors. All abstracts will be sorted according to the mean score they obtain. Finally, 8-10 talks from the top rated contributions will be finally selected accounting for gender balance, diversity and institute representation, and thematic sessions will be defined based on the contents.

Non-selected talks are expected to contribute a poster. If this is not the case, please let us know.

Declaration of equality, inclusion and diversity

The organizing committee of the PostDoc Day 2021 adheres to the [MDC guidelines against discrimination, bullying and harassment](#). The abstract selection follows the principles of equality, inclusion and diversity after an initial evaluation of the scientific content. We aim at selecting a balanced representation of the postdoc community.