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 **cannot 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.