ATRF 2026 - Call for Papers

The Australasian Transport Research Forum warmly invites academics and professional practitioners involved in all aspects of transport engineering to submit papers for the 2026 ATRF Conference, to be held at the University of Technology Sydney, 24-26 November.

Submission Types

Research Papers will be reviewed based on the range of criteria commonly applied to scientific research works, particularly the extent to which the paper advances knowledge in the field or contributes to new fields.

Professional Practice Papers are designed primarily for practitioners from the government and the private sector. These papers are required to provide an insightful description of rigorous professional work associated with the administration, planning, design or operation of the transport system and the economic, social and environmental impacts of investments in transport infrastructure. Professional Practice Papers are expected to have relevance beyond the jurisdiction or organisation where the work was undertaken, and authors are encouraged to demonstrate the broader implications of their work. All papers must be free from obvious advertising or self-promotion.

Review Criteria

All papers will be assessed by at least two referees with expertise in the subject area. Papers which lack substantial content, which present statements unsupported by evidence, or which inappropriately promote a particular product or service will not be accepted.

Research papers will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Level of innovation and originality
- Contribution to transport knowledge
- Clarity of written presentation and compliance with the format specifications.

Professional practice papers will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Relevance to transport practitioners across a wide range of areas of interest (e.g., administration, planning, design or operation of the transport system, the economic, social and environmental impacts of investments in transport infrastructure)
- Contribution to policy and practice
- Clarity of written presentation and compliance with the format specifications.

Prizes

Paper submissions will be considered for one or more of the following prizes, depending on eligibility as stated below. Please check the eligibility criteria before nominating the paper for a prize.

- The **John Taplin prize,** established in 1991, is presented to the author(s) adjudged to have delivered the best paper and presentation at the conference. Papers nominated for the Taplin Prize will be papers that apply, with rigour, an innovative method, provide findings that are novel relevant to existing understandings, and demonstrate excellence in clarity of communication, both written and presented. Furthermore, to be eligible, the paper must be presented by the lead author at the annual ATRF conference.

- The **David Willis prize**, established in 1998, is presented to the author(s) adjudged to have delivered the best paper and presentation by a young researcher at the conference. Candidates for the Willis prize must have written the paper whist studying at a tertiary educational institution, or have recently joined the profession within 2 years of leaving a tertiary educational institution or joined from a profession not associated with transportation. The paper must be the first submission made by the candidate to ATRF. The paper can be co-authored, however it must be principally authored by the student/early career candidate, and, it must be presented by the student/early career candidate.

- The **David A. Hensher prize**, established in 2021, is presented to the author(s) adjudged to have delivered the best paper in transport demand modelling at the conference. The Hensher Prize is awarded based on the written submission only.

The prizes are adjudged by a panel of between three and five suitably qualified members of the Scientific Committee endorsed by the Executive Committee (in consultation with the prize sponsor as appropriate). Assessment criteria are published on the ATRF website. The prizes comprise a certificate which is presented at the conclusion of the Conference and published on the ATRF website.

Key dates

Paper submission deadline	**Friday 1 May**
Reviews and notifications released to authors	**Friday 3 July**
Submission of revised papers	**Friday 7 August**
Notifications released to authors	**Friday 21 August**

Deadline and submission

The deadline for paper submission is **Friday 1 May 2026**.

Please note:

- Abstracts alone are not accepted; the full paper must be submitted for consideration.

- The maximum length is 15 pages formatted as per the ATRF 2026 template, **including** the Abstract (max 300 words), tables and graphics, and references.

- Please check your paper thoroughly for spelling and grammatical errors and make sure your paper **complies fully with formatting requirements outlined in the [ATRF2026 template](#)** before submitting. Papers which do not comply with ATRF formatting and style guidelines will be returned for correction before being submitted for peer review.

- At least one author must attend the conference in order for a paper to be presented and included in the Conference Proceedings.

- Accepted authors will be offered the opportunity to provide an abridged version (2-6 pages) for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings. This enables the work to be published elsewhere.

Papers are submitted in **EasyChair**, the web-based platform used to manage the paper review process, as follows:

Go to https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=atrf2026**.**

If you do not have an EasyChair account you will be prompted to set one up.
- Follow the instructions in the email you will receive from EasyChair.
- When you log in to EasyChair you will see either a 'New Submission' tab at the top left of the screen or a 'make a new submission' link. These will take you to the paper submission page.
- Select the relevant track for your paper.
- Fill in the author details, title, abstract, keywords and other information required.
- Upload your paper in **pdf format** and press 'submit'.

Papers will be sent out for peer review by the topic chairs once submissions have closed.

Conference registration

We encourage you to register for the conference via the official conference website: www.atrf2026.org