



Call for Abstracts

Open Innovation in Science (OIS) Research Conference 2027

May 10-12, 2027 | Valencia, Spain

Dear colleagues,

We invite you to join the discussion about openness and collaboration in scientific research and science-based innovation at the upcoming 8th [OIS Research Conference](#).

OIS research investigates whether, how, and under which conditions open and collaborative practices influence the productivity and societal impact of scientific research. We strive for a balanced view that recognizes important contingency factors on the individual, organizational, and ecosystem-level. The 2027 special conference theme is:

Openness and collaboration under pressure? The role of OIS in an era of strategic competition

Openness and international collaboration have long been regarded as key drivers of scientific progress and innovation. Norms of openness hold that scientific knowledge should be shared across disciplinary and national boundaries, enabling cumulative knowledge production. Collaboration enables division of labor and knowledge recombination, enabling teams to tackle complex challenges and overcome the burden of knowledge. Today, however, these mechanisms are increasingly shaped by geopolitical tensions, the growing emphasis on strategic autonomy, and ambitions to secure competitive advantage in science and technology.

Against this backdrop, assumptions about the benefits and feasibility of openness and collaboration may need to be revisited. The 2027 OIS Research Conference explores how Open Innovation in Science (OIS) can – and perhaps needs to – evolve in an era where strategic interests increasingly shape research, innovation, and policy. Which forms of openness, sharing, and collaboration may be affected as researchers, universities, firms, and governments become more strategic about what they share and with whom? How can scientific systems preserve the benefits of openness and collaboration in a world in which actors pursue knowledge production driven by broader strategic interests?

► Submissions

Submissions both empirical and conceptual in nature are welcome. Extended abstracts (500-1000 words) for advanced papers and short abstracts (250-500 words) for early-stage projects can be submitted related to this year's special conference theme or to OIS topics in general, such as:

1) Open and collaborative research approaches: How openness and collaboration shape different stages of the research process, including crowdsourcing and citizen science,

university-industry collaboration, open data and materials, digital platforms, or human-AI collaboration.

2) Organizational and institutional conditions: How research ecosystems, organizational designs, policies, intellectual property regimes, incentives, or impact assessment enable or constrain open and collaborative research.

3) Individual and behavioral foundations: Why and how scientists engage in open and collaborative research, including their motivations, skills and capabilities, attitudes and beliefs, and the role of institutional entrepreneurs.

Please also note that:

- We explicitly welcome submissions of both early-stage and advanced research projects.
- The research to be presented must not have been accepted for journal publication.
- Participation in the conference is initially reserved for those whose abstract has been accepted for presentation. Registration for any remaining spots without a presentation will open in February on a first-come, first-served basis.

To submit your abstract, please click [here](https://ois-research-conference.org/submission/) or use the following link:

<https://ois-research-conference.org/submission/>

The **submission deadline is January 11, 2027**. All submissions will be reviewed by the Organizing Team, and notifications of acceptance will be sent by February.

► Conference program

In addition to inspirational **Paper Sessions**, the conference program includes plenary sessions related to this year's conference theme (Openness and Collaboration Under Pressure? The Role of OIS in an Era of Strategic Competition) such as **Keynote** speeches, **OIS Debates**, and an **OIS Experiment** where we "walk the talk" by engaging in and reflecting on novel ways of doing research.

The conference also organizes a **Junior Paper Development Workshop** on May 12 in the afternoon. Early-career scholars (PhDs and post-docs) can indicate their interest in participating and receiving in-depth feedback from senior mentors during the submission process.

► Practicalities and conference fee

The conference will be an in-person meeting at [Universitat Politècnica de València, Ciutat Politècnica de la Innovació \(CPI\)](#), 10 min walk from the beach, and with online streaming for selected sessions to enable participation for a broader audience. The core conference program will commence on May 10 at noon and conclude on May 13 at noon. We expect participants to attend the entire program.

The conference fee is 250 Euros. PhD students facing financial constraints can apply for a reduced fee of 100 Euros. To apply for a reduced fee, please reach out to the conference organizers *before* registering. The conference fee covers all meals including a fabulous conference dinner (and of course our famous Zotter chocolates).

Join us for what promises to be a rewarding and impactful conference experience – we look forward to your participation!

Yours sincerely,
The Organizing Team

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