

FAQ – Conference Paper submission to Frontiers ‘PSD14’ Research Topic

Here you can find some key information about the PSD14 Conference Proceedings in Frontiers. The information is grouped into 3 headings:

1. General information about the Conference Proceedings in Frontiers Journal
2. Information about Author Publication Charges
3. Paper formatting and submission

1. General Information about the Conference Proceedings

Which Frontiers journal is hosting the PSD14 Research Topic?

The PSD conference proceedings will be published as a dedicated research topic that will be simultaneously published in two Frontiers journals. The research topic will be hosted by Frontiers in Detector Science and Technology (FDST), and cross-listed in Frontier in Physics (FP).

What’s the URL for the PSD14 Research Topic?

You can access the PSD14 Research Topic here:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/84951/advances-in-position-sensitive-detectors-insights-from-psd14-conference>

Is the PSD14 Research Topic fully open access?

Yes, all Frontiers journals use the same fully open access model, and are exclusively published online. All Frontiers' articles are published with open access under the Creative Commons CC-BY license. This means that the author(s) retains copyright, but the content is free to download, distribute, and adapt for commercial or non-commercial purposes, given appropriate attribution to the original article.

Why is the PSD14 research topic published in two journals?

The scope of the host journal Frontiers in Detector Science and Technology (FDST) is an excellent fit to the PSD conference, and will give maximum visibility to the conference papers. However as FDST is a new journal it does not yet offer Scopus indexation. If Scopus indexation is important for your paper, all authors can choose to submit their paper to Frontiers in Physics (FP). All papers will appear equally in the PSD14 research topic irrespective of whether they are submitted to FDST or FP.

2. Author Publication Charges

Is there an Author Publication Charge for papers?

Yes, as Frontiers is an open access journal it uses an Author Publication Charge (APC) model. The amount of the APC depends on 2 factors (1) which journal you submit to, as FDST has a slightly lower APC than FP, (2) the format of your paper, as Frontiers offers a range of different paper types with different APCs (see below).

How much will my APC cost?

The amount of the APC depends on which journal you submit to, as FDST has a slightly lower APC than FP, and also the format of your paper, as Frontiers offers a range of different paper types with different APCs:

Paper Style [1]	Frontiers Paper Type	APC published in FDST [2]	APC published in FP [2]
Original Research (full length)	Type A	CHF 2195	CHF 2695
Brief Research Report (short paper)	Type B	CHF 1750	CHF 2195
Methods and Techniques	Type A	CHF 2195	CHF 2695
Review	Type A	CHF 2195	CHF 2695

[1] These are the 4 paper styles which we recommend for the PSD14 Research Topics: Original Research, Methods and Techniques, Review or the shorter Brief Research Report, see below. However authors can submit their paper using any of the Type A or Type B paper styles offered by Frontiers.

[2] A limited number of 50% APC waivers are available from the conference only for papers submitted to Frontiers in Detector Science and Technology. Papers submitted to Frontiers in Physics are not eligible for APC waivers.

What support options are available for the APC charge?

There are 2 routes to request support for the Frontiers APC charge:

1. Check if your institution has a discounted fee or waiver agreement in place with Frontiers. Several UK Universities have such a partnership agreement already, as does CERN. Check the details here: <https://www.frontiersin.org/open-access-agreements/partners>
2. The PSD conference has a limited number of 50% APC waivers available. As the demand for these will be high, we will be ranking requests for APC waivers based on the primary author meeting some/all of the following criteria:
 - Researcher is Early Career (using the UKRI definition of ECR)
 - Researcher is from a Low or Middle Income Country (LMIC)
 - Where no/limited grants or training funds are available from your institution or collaboration.

If you request a 50% APC fee waiver you must demonstrate that you have already explored options for institutional support via an existing Frontiers partnership agreement (if applicable).

Please note: the 50% APC waivers are only available for papers submitted to Frontiers in Detector Science and Technology. We are not able to offer fee waivers for papers submitted to Frontiers in Physics.

How do I request a 50% APC waiver from the Conference?

Please complete this brief MS Form to request a 50% APC waiver from the conference: [Application for PSD14 Author Publication Charge \(APC\) waiver](#)

The deadline to request a 50% APC waiver is 1st October 2026

3. Paper formatting and submission

What formats/styles of papers are accepted?

Frontiers journals offer a large range of different papers styles, and you are free to submit in any of these styles, as you prefer. The Frontiers paper styles are classed as either Type A (for longer papers) or Type B (for shorter papers). The APC for Type B papers is slightly less than for Type A papers, as shown in the table above.

For PSD14 we recommend that you choose one of the following Frontiers paper styles:

- **Original Research:** reports on primary and unpublished studies. Original Research articles should have the following format:
 - Abstract
 - Introduction
 - Materials and Methods
 - Results
 - Discussion
- **Methods and Techniques:** articles presenting either a new or established method, protocol, or technique that is of significant interest in the field. Method articles should have the following format:
 - Abstract
 - Introduction
 - Materials and Equipment (including a list of reagents/ materials and/or equipment required; step-by-step procedures; details of precision/ accuracy and limits of detection or quantification, where applicable)
 - Results (completed or anticipated)
 - Discussion
- **Review:** articles covering topics that have seen significant development or progress in recent years, with comprehensive depth and a balanced perspective. Reviews should present a complete overview and critical discussion of the state of the art and not merely summarize the literature. Review articles must not include unpublished material. Review articles should have the following format:
 - Abstract,
 - Introduction
 - Subsections relevant for the subject
 - Discussion.
- **Brief Research Report:** articles presenting original research and/or preliminary findings in a more succinct way than Original Research articles. Brief Research reports have a maximum word count of 4,000 and may contain no more than 4 Figures/Tables, and are charged at the lower Type B APC rate. Supplementary material may be included with Brief Research Reports. Brief Research Report articles should have the following format:

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Method
- Results
- Discussion

More detailed information about all of the Frontier paper styles can be found here:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/detector-science-and-technology/for-authors/article-types>

How do I present group authorship or collaboration membership?

Frontiers has a standard policy for all its journals that consortium/group authorship should be listed in the manuscript with the other author(s). In cases where authorship is retained by the consortium/group, the consortium/group should be listed as an author separated by a comma or 'and'. The consortium/group name will appear in the author list, in the citation, and in the copyright. If provided, the consortium/group members will be listed in a separate section at the end of the article.

For the collaborators of the consortium/group to be indexed in PubMed, they do not have to be inserted in the Frontiers submission system individually. However, in the manuscript itself, provide a section with the name of the consortium/group as the heading followed by the list of collaborators, so they can be tagged accordingly and indexed properly.

Example: John Smith, Barbara Smith and The Collaborative Working Group.

More information about group authorship can be found here:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/guidelines/author-guidelines>

How do I submit my paper?

Follow the 'Submit' link in the PSD14 Research Topic page:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/84951/advances-in-position-sensitive-detectors-insights-from-psd14-conference>

What's the paper submission deadline?

The submission deadline is 1st December 2026.

Can I request an extension to the submission deadline?

Yes, if you require some extra time please contact the Research Topic Editors (see below). As this is an online journal, any paper will go live as soon as it has been accepted for publication.

Do I also need to submit a manuscript summary??

No, we do not require a manuscript summary, only the final paper. You may see references to manuscript summaries on the Frontier's website, which you can ignore.

Contacting the Research Topic Editors:

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