

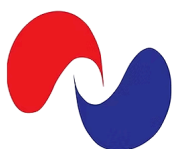
KACA 2027
Conference

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
AUGUST 1, 2026**

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Korean American Communication Association

CHARTING NEW HORIZONS: THE EXPANDING SPHERE OF KOREAN SCHOLARSHIP

Dear KACA members,

We are pleased to announce the 2027 annual Korean American Communication Association (KACA) Conference! Join us for the 4th annual KACA conference, which will be held from Saturday, January 2, to Tuesday, January 5, 2027, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA.

KACA is committed to advancing scholarship across a diverse range of theoretical, conceptual, and methodological frameworks. This conference aims to foster vibrant scholarly dialogue in various communication fields, focusing on addressing significant and timely communication issues. We welcome high-quality papers that offer valuable implications for the broader scholarly community **both within and beyond the Korean communication context.**

Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Advertising
- Cultural Studies
- Interpersonal and Organizational Communication
- Journalism
- Political Communication
- Public Relations
- Science, Health, Environment, and Risk Communication

Submissions exploring Korea-related communication contexts are particularly encouraged and will be prioritized, provided they meet the conference's quality standards.

We invite KACA members, as well as scholars and graduate students in communication and related interdisciplinary fields, to submit **completed full papers** or **extended abstracts** for research presentations at the 2027 conference. **All theoretical, methodological, and creative approaches to communication research are welcome.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Two types of submissions are invited: **Completed Papers** and **Extended Abstracts (Completed or In-Progress)**. **Two separate PDF files are required for both types of submissions: (1) the manuscript and (2) the cover page.** These should be submitted to kacacon2027@towson.edu by **Saturday, August 1, 2026.**

You should be aware of the requirement that at least one author must register for and attend the conference to present the paper in person.

The conference will be held exclusively in person and does not accommodate virtual or pre-recorded presentations. If none of the authors listed on an accepted submission are able to attend and present, the paper will be automatically withdrawn from the official conference program.

Each author is limited to a maximum of two submissions (either completed papers, abstracts, or a combination of both) regardless of authorship status. Each submission must be sent separately via email. All submissions will undergo a blind peer review process.

Completed Full Paper

Acceptance is based on a completed manuscript submitted for competitive consideration. Completed papers will be given the highest priority for programming. To complete the paper submission, please follow the instructions below:

- A completed research manuscript **between 6000 and 9000 words** should be submitted by the deadline. The word limit does not include references, tables, or figures.
- Please ensure that your submission is a blinded copy with all author-identifying information removed.

The manuscript should be double-spaced, using a 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins on all sides of standard letter-size paper (8.5 x 11 inches). It must be submitted **in English** and as a **PDF**.

Extended Abstract (Completed or In-Progress)

Acceptance is based on an abstract submitted for competitive consideration. Abstracts may present either completed research or research-in-progress; however, completed studies will be given priority for programming. To complete the abstract submission, please follow the instructions below:

- Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be submitted by the deadline. The word limit does not include references, tables, or figures.
- Please ensure that your submission is a blinded copy with all author-identifying information removed.
- Authors submitting research-in-progress must be prepared to share research findings and conclusions during the conference presentation.
- The abstract should be double-spaced, using a 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins on all sides of standard letter-size paper (8.5 x 11 inches). It must be submitted **in English** and as a **PDF**.

Cover Page

Submit a separate cover page file along with the manuscript (paper/abstract) by the deadline. It must be submitted in English and as a PDF. The cover page must include the following information:

- Paper title
- Abstract (50-100 words)
- 5 to 8 keywords
- Submission Category: Open Submission or Student Submission; Student submission must be authored or co-authored by students **ONLY** (no faculty co-authors)
- Submission Type: Completed Paper, Abstract (Completed), or Abstract (In-Progress)
- Full names of all authors, email addresses, affiliations, and departments listed in the order they appear on the paper.
- Corresponding author and contact information, including email address, mailing address, and phone number, if different from the first author.

Deadline

Both the manuscript and cover page must be submitted by the deadline (Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 11:59 PM, Eastern Time) to receive full consideration. Failure to follow the submission procedure will result in disqualification from the review process. No late submissions will be considered.

Awards, Travel Support & Other Benefits

Top paper awards (one for the open competition and one for the student competition) will include a cash prize and a certificate. Only completed paper submissions will be considered for these awards.

Outstanding manuscripts will be selected for a special issue of the Korean Journal of Communication (KJC). Eligibility is limited to complete paper submissions. As part of the publication process, selected manuscripts will undergo the KJC peer-review process. Detailed information about the review and publication timeline will be communicated following acceptance.

Contingent on funding approval, KACA will provide **housing accommodation during the conference to eligible graduate students** whose papers are accepted (**one participant per paper**) through a grant application process. The student grant application must be submitted by the deadline **(Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 11:59 PM, Eastern Time)** to receive full consideration. [KACA 2027 Annual Conference Graduate Student Travel Grant Application – Fill out form](#)

Important Dates

- Paper/Abstract Submission Due: Saturday, August 1, 2026, 11:59 PM (ET)
- Student Grant Application Due: Saturday, August 1, 2026, 11:59 PM (ET)
- Acceptance Notification: Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 11:59 PM (ET)
- Conference Registration Opens: Thursday, October 15, 2026, 11:59 PM (ET)
- Conference Registration Early Bird Ends: Sunday, November 15, 2026, 11:59 PM (ET)

Eligibility

You do not need to be a member of the KACA to submit a completed paper or extended abstract. However, if your paper or extended abstract is accepted, you must (1) be a member of the KACA, (2) register for the conference, and (3) attend the conference to present your research.

For the KACA membership, visit <https://www.koreancommunication.org/membership-plans>

Serve as Reviewer

You can be an integral part of our conference by serving the community as a paper/abstract reviewer. You do not need to be a member of the KACA to serve as a reviewer.

Visit Here: [2027 KACA Conference Reviewer Registration](#)

We hope to see you in Hawai'i!

Stay tuned to KACA communications, such as the email listserv and social media channels, for more information regarding registration and the latest conference updates. For further questions, please contact the conference planning committee (kacacon2027@towson.edu).

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