

# The 42nd Congress of the Japan Society for Medieval English Studies

## Call for Papers

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(Chair of the Congress Organising Committee)

The 42nd Congress of the Japan Society for Medieval English Studies will be held at Kyushu University (Ito Campus) on Saturday, 12 December, and Sunday, 13 December 2026. Proposals are invited for papers and symposia. Presentations must be delivered in either Japanese or English. We look forward to receiving many submissions. Please see the guidelines for proposals below.

### Guidelines for Proposals

[PDF version available]

#### 1. Deadline for Submission:

24:00, Sunday, 31 May 2026 (JST)

#### 2. Submission Address:

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- Submissions will only be accepted via email. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of submission, please resend all documents.

#### 3. Important Notes for Submission:

- **Originality:** Presentations must be unpublished and not previously delivered elsewhere.
  - Do not submit proposals for work that has already been presented, published, or is planned to be presented or published at other events (including the East and West branches of this society) or in other media such as journals.
- **Membership Requirement:** If you are not yet a member of this society, you must become one before presenting.

#### 4. Submission Documents

##### (A) Papers [30 minutes for presentation + 10 minutes for discussion]

1. **Cover Page:** Include the title of the paper, your name, email address, and affiliation.
  - Provide all information in both Japanese and English. If you are presenting in English, the Japanese title is unnecessary. This information will be used for the programme and poster, so ensure accuracy.
2. **Title and Short Abstract:** Provide the title of the paper (in Japanese and English) and a short abstract (approximately 400 characters in Japanese or 200 words in English).
  - If presenting in English, Japanese is unnecessary—add a note to indicate this at the end of the abstract.
3. **Title and Long Abstract:** Provide the title of the paper and a detailed abstract (no more than 1,000 characters in Japanese or 500 words in English). Note that the long abstract should

provide a full summary with any conclusions, not merely an introduction of the argument.

4. **Bibliography:** Include only references you have consulted by the time of submission.
5. **Equipment:** Indicate whether or not you plan to use a computer.

**[Notes]**

- Use the designated application form template (A4 size) to create your submission documents. This template can be downloaded from the JSMES website by clicking “応募フォーム” under the “全国大会” heading.
- Each item from (1) to (5) should appear on a separate page of the same file. The downloadable template already uses this format.
- Do not include your name or affiliation in items (2) to (4).
- If your proposal is accepted, you will need to send a brief CV to your assigned chair (to be announced after acceptance).

**(B) Symposia**

1. **Cover Page:** Include the title of the symposium, the titles of each paper, and the names and affiliations of all speakers.
  - Provide all information in both Japanese and English. If presenting in English, Japanese titles are unnecessary. This information will be used for the programme and poster, so ensure accuracy.
2. **Symposium Title and Abstracts:** Provide the title of the symposium, the titles of each paper (in Japanese and English), and abstracts for the chair and each speaker (approximately 400 characters in Japanese or 200 words in English).
  - If presenting in English, Japanese is unnecessary—add a note to indicate this at the end of the abstract.
3. **Bibliography:** Include only references you have consulted by the time of submission.
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**Review Process and Acceptance**

Once the review process is complete, applicants will receive the organising committee’s decision and comments on their abstract. If your proposal is accepted, you will be asked to resubmit a short version of the abstract for inclusion in the programme. You may revise your abstract based on the committee’s feedback as appropriate.