



## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA | **January 2 – 5, 2026**

Submission Deadline | **Sunday, August 31, 2025**

Submit Your Files To | **kacacon2026@gmail.com**

Dear KACA members,

We are pleased to announce the **2026 annual Korean American Communication Association (KACA) Conference!** Join us for the 3rd annual KACA conference, which will be held from **Friday, January 2, to Monday, January 5, 2026**, 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 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 and non-members, communication scholars, and graduate students to submit **completed full papers** or **extended abstracts** for research presentations at the 2026 conference. All theoretical, methodological, and creative approaches to communication research are welcome.



For more information, please go to **<https://www.koreancommunication.org>** or contact the conference organizer at **kacacon2026@gmail.com**.

## General Submission Instructions

Two types of submissions are invited: **Completed Paper** and **Extended Abstracts** (Completed or In-Progress). **Two separate files are required** for both types of submissions: **(1) the manuscript** and **(2) the cover page**. These should be submitted to **kacacon2026@gmail.com** by **Sunday, August 31, 2025**.

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.

### 1. Completed Papers

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).

### 2. Extended Abstracts

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**.
- 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).

## Cover Page

Submit the manuscript (paper/extended abstract) along with a separate cover page file by the deadline. 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
- Submission Type: Completed Paper or Extended Abstract (Completed or In-Progress)
- Full names of all authors, email addresses, affiliations, and departments listed in the order they appear on the paper/extended abstract.
- 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 (**Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM, Eastern Time**) to receive full consideration. Failure to follow the submission procedure will result in disqualification from the review process.

## Paper Awards, Travel Support and 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 publication in the March 2026 special issue of the Korean Journal of Communication (KJC). Only completed paper submissions will be eligible for this publication opportunity.

Contingent on funding approval, **KACA will provide hotel accommodation during the conference to eligible graduate students whose papers are accepted (one participant per paper)** through a grant application process.

# **KACA** 2026 *Conference* **Beyond Boundaries** Reimagining the Sphere of Korean Scholarship

## **Important Dates (all based on Eastern Time)**

Submit the manuscript (paper/abstract) along with a separate cover page file by the deadline. The cover page must include the following information:

- **Paper/Extended Abstract Submission Due: Sunday, August 31, 2025, 11:59 PM (ET)**
- Acceptance Notification: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 11:59 PM (ET)
- Conference Registration Opens: Saturday, November 15, 2025, 11:59 PM (ET)
- Conference Registration Early Bird Ends: Monday, December 15, 2025, 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 a 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: [2026 KACA Conference Reviewer Registration](#)

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 chair, Dr. Youjeong Kim ([ykim77@hawaii.edu](mailto:ykim77@hawaii.edu)).

### **2026 KACA Annual Conference Planning Committee**

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