



CALL FOR PAPERS
National Student Research Conference
Psychology and Education Sciences Section

1. General Information, Organizers

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Venue of the event: 2500 Esztergom, Majer István út 1-3.

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The National Association for Student Research, the Psychology and Education Sciences Section Committee of the OTDT and the organizing Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences hereby announce the Psychology and Education Sciences Section of the 38th National Student Research Conference under the conditions of the following call.

The conditions for participation and registration in the Psychology and Education Sciences Section of the 38th OTDK are set out in the General Call of the 38th OTDK and in this Call of the OTDT Psychology and Education Sciences Section Committee.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Who is eligible to participate

In the 38th National Student Research Conference (OTDK), TDK papers and authors (in the case of multi-author TDK papers, all authors) may participate that meet the conditions specified

in the General Call for the 38th National Student Research Conference (details are provided in Supplement 2 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK.)

A thesis/diploma work written within a BA/BSc program and presented at an institutional TDK conference within the same BA/BSc program – provided it has not yet been defended at the time of the institutional TDK conference – may be submitted to the 38th OTDK, provided that it meets the requirements set out in the call and its supplement.

The conditions for submitting bachelor's theses, master's theses, and theses written within integrated master's programs are set out in Section 2.1 of Supplement 2 to the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

Study circle students from cross-border universities and colleges can participate in the 38th OTDK under the same professional conditions as those in Hungary. Details are available in the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

The conference is also open to secondary school students in Hungary and across borders who document their research results at conferences of higher education institutions or national high school science student conferences (for details see Supplement 4 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK) and are nominated for the 38th OTDK. A detailed description of the participation of secondary school students is available in the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

2.2. Requirements for TDK papers and evaluation

Supplement 1 to the Section Call includes:

- the content and format requirements for TDK papers and abstracts
- rules for the presentation of TDK papers in foreign languages
- evaluation criteria of the TDK paper and the presentation.

3. Sessions/topics

3.1. Planned sessions/topics

A. The PSYCHOLOGY SUBSECTION welcomes TDK papers in the following categories:

In the sessions of APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY, we welcome TDK papers presenting practical applications of psychological knowledge, including, among others: counselling and career psychology; educational and school psychology; work, organizational and HR psychology; sport and performance psychology, coaching; economic, consumer and marketing psychology; forensic and criminal psychology; environmental psychology; psychology of religion; as well as technology psychology, user experience (UX), and human–computer interaction (HCI).

In the sessions of GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY, we welcome TDK papers from various subfields of experimental psychology, including, for example: biology and neurophysiology; sensation and perception; attention, consciousness and states of consciousness; learning, memory, thinking, language, communication, problem-solving and decision-making; motivation and emotion; as well as papers addressing issues of reliability and validity, and the psychological aspects of artificial intelligence.

In the sessions of DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY, we welcome TDK papers examining human development across the entire lifespan, including infant and early childhood development; the cognitive, emotional and social development of preschool and school-age children, as well as adolescence; topics related to atypical development and developmental disorders (e.g. ASD, ADHD, learning disorders); the psychological characteristics of young adulthood, midlife and old age; as well as studies focusing on the life course, identity and family relationships.

In the sessions of PERSONALITY, HEALTH AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, we welcome TDK papers addressing topics related to personality, individual differences, and clinical and health psychology, including: personality theories and trait research; temperament, emotional style and self-regulation; intelligence, creativity and motivational characteristics; stress, coping and resilience; health behavior and lifestyle; psychological aspects of psychosomatic and chronic illnesses; promotion of mental health; mental hygiene; psychological aspects of psychiatric disorders; as well as the study of health promotion, prevention and intervention programs.

In the sessions of SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, we welcome TDK papers analyzing social behavior and social processes, including, among others: social cognition and attitudes; group processes, leadership and cooperation; intergroup relations, prejudice and discrimination; communication, media and online social psychology; close relationships, attraction and intimacy; social norms, values and collective behavior; as well as community and political social psychology, and research addressing social issues (e.g. poverty, migration, climate change).

B. The EDUCATIONAL SCIENCE SUBSECTION welcomes TDK papers in the following categories:

In the sessions of PEDAGOGY, we welcome papers covering research in educational theory, philosophy of education, instructional theory (didactics), the history of education and schools, comparative pedagogy, social pedagogy, child protection, public and higher education policy, educational economics, education law, education administration, and sociology of education. Additionally, we invite TDK papers on theoretical and historical topics in special education, understood within its broader interdisciplinary context.

In the sessions of ANDRAGOGY, we welcome TDK papers addressing pedagogical and psychological issues of andragogy, adult education and training, adult learning, public education and cultural activities, lifelong learning, sociology of culture, community organization, aesthetic awareness and education, leadership theory and institutional systems, human resource consulting, cultural mediation, cultural tourism, museum mediation, theory of culture, cultural policy, and communication theory (excluding works that are explicitly mathematical, epistemological, or sociological).

TDK papers that are predominantly subject-specific methodological (subject pedagogy) or educational technology-oriented in focus and content do not fall within the Psychology and Education Sciences Section; such papers may be submitted to the Education and Learning Methodology Section of the 38th OTDK.

During the application process, when selecting the “Most suitable session,” students indicate the broader area in which they wish to present their TDK paper. The Executive Board, in cooperation with the leadership of the Section Committee, then assigns the submitted TDK papers to the final sessions.

3.2. Rules for the establishment of the final session assignment

The fundamental rules for the establishment of the final session assignment are included in the General Call of the 38th OTDK. The Psychology and Education Sciences Section Committee may, based on the number of TDK papers received and their topic, merge some of the planned sessions/topics or create additional ones, so that the TDK paper may be assigned to the session of a different subsection than the one indicated by the author(s) during registration. The condition for starting an independent session is the receipt of at least 6 TDK papers in the given topic, on the condition that at least 5 of the 6 to 15 papers will be presented at the 38th OTDK. If the number of TDK papers to be presented in a given session is fewer than 5, that session may be merged with another session at the discretion of the Chair of the Psychology and Education Sciences Section Committee. The organizing institution, with the agreement of the Psychology and Education Sciences Section Committee, reserves the right to redirect TDK papers with content that does not align with the Psychology and Education Sciences Section’s field of study, thanking the applicants and transferring the paper to the appropriate section of the 38th National Student Research Conference.

The final sessions and the classification of TDK papers are determined by the OTDT Psychology and Education Sciences Section Committee, and students will be informed via the OTDT online system no later than two weeks before the start of the conference.

4. Application procedure

Point 4 of Supplement 2 to the 38th OTDK General Call sets out in detail the tasks of students in connection with participation in the 38th OTDK; careful study of this is recommended.

4.1. Steps of registration for applicants

1. Pre-registration of TDK papers

Following the institutional student research conference, the upload of the TDK paper and selection of the section must be completed within 30 days of the email specified in point 4 of Supplement No. 2 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK. Participants who will be eligible to submit a TDK paper at a student research conference held within 30 days before the application deadline for the Psychology and Education Sciences Section of the 38th OTDK must upload their TDK paper to the OTDT online system by the application deadline.

ATTENTION! Please note that uploading a TDK paper does not constitute an automatic entry to the 38th OTDK.

Applications must be submitted during the registration period, following the steps described in the next section.

2. The application

Registration period: November 16, 2026 – January 13, 2027 (Wednesday), 16:00 (CET)

Students' tasks during this period are:

- Filling in the information related to the uploaded application.
- Uploading the Hungarian-language abstract. If the authors of the TDK paper are non-Hungarian native speakers, they may also upload the abstract in English. If at least 50% of the authors are Hungarian native speakers, the abstract must be uploaded in Hungarian.
- On the abstract upload page, providing five keywords that do not appear in the title of the paper.
- After completing the data entry and uploading the abstract, finalizing the registration in the OTDT online system.

After the registration deadline for students – **13 January 2027 (Wednesday), 16:00 (CET)** – it will no longer be possible for students to upload application documents in the OTDT online system.

According to Supplement 2 to the General Call, students (authors) must, at the time of submitting their paper, provide a written declaration in the online system confirming compliance with the rules of research ethics. These are detailed in the OTDT Code of Ethics.

4.2. Additional registration tasks for students who have obtained a pre-degree certificate

Students who obtained a pre-degree certificate between the qualifying institutional TDK conference and the 38th OTDK must declare the date of obtaining their pre-degree certificate in the OTDT online system during the application process (those who are expected to obtain their pre-degree certificate in the semester of application, after the application deadline, must indicate that they are expected to obtain it in the semester of application). For students who have qualified at the ETDK, FTDK, KTDK, and VMTDK, in accordance with Section 2.1 of Appendix 2 to the General Call for the 38th OTDK, the expected date of finalization of registration for the 38th OTDK must be provided as the date of the certificate of completion, because in their case, this was already verified upon admission to the qualifying conference.

5. Tasks of the TDT Chair in relation to the 38th OTDK

5.1. Following the student research conference:

Uploading the documents of the student research conference and sending them to the OTDT Office according to point 5 of Supplement 2 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK.

5.2. Following the participants' registration deadline:

Approval of participant registrations in the OTDT online system (all registrations are automatically approved in the system, so action is only required if the institution/faculty does not wish to delegate a submitted TDK paper to the OTDK). All further tasks are detailed in Supplement 2 to the 38th OTDK General Call; there are no deviations from these for this

Section. We are unable to accept TDK papers that do not meet the requirements outlined in the Psychology and Education Sciences Section Call; such applications will be rejected.

Deadline for institutional and faculty TDT Chairs to upload documents to the OTDT online system: **18 January 2027 (Monday) 16:00 (CET)**. After the deadline it will no longer be possible to upload application documents in the OTDT online system. Applications submitted individually are invalid.

6. Registration fee

The registration fees for the 38th OTDK will be determined at a later stage, subject to the availability of resources.

7. Presentation of the TDK paper

TDK papers are presented orally before the session juries in person; online presentations are not permitted.

8. The awards and Special Prizes that can be granted at the OTDK

At the 38th OTDK, ranked awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) based on the written reviews and oral performance may be granted, as well as a Session Panel special award following these in rank. At most one 1st place may be awarded per session, and the total number of ranked awards may not exceed one third of the number of TDK papers presented in the Psychology and Education Sciences Section. The total number of TDK papers awarded a ranked place or a special prize by the Session Panel may not exceed 50% of the number of TDK papers presented. Further regulations on professional recognition are set out in Supplement 3 to the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

9. Submission of Pro Scientia Gold Medal application

The authors of TDK papers that have been awarded first place at the national conference may apply for the Pro Scientia Gold Medal, provided they meet the additional criteria set out in the call. Details are given in Supplement 5 of the 38th OTDK General Call.

We invite and welcome all interested students and their masters!

Budapest, 21 April 2026.

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Supplement 1