

MIDAS 26

BAIERBRUNN, MUNICH · 30 NOV to 1 DEC 2026

DEADLINE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026, 23:59 CET

Call for abstracts

MIDAS is looking for abstracts from students, early-career researchers and club analysts, in any of the four tracks. The room is small and the audience is expert, so we want work that is new and that the people in it can use. The programme committee reads every abstract.

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Symposium on machine learning and AI in sport

BAIERBRUNNWort & Bild Verlag, Konradshöhe 1,
82065 Baierbrunn**TALKS AND POSTERS**Submit through the form at
midas-ai.eu**WHY WE ARE OPENING THIS CALL**

WORK WE HAVE NOT MET YET

Part of the programme is by invitation, and invitations only reach people we already know. This call is for the rest: a thesis that has not reached a journal, an analyst's project inside a club, a result from a lab we have not heard of.

If it fits one of the four tracks and could be useful to the people in the room, we want to read it.

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Chair of the Steering Committee, MIDAS

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

NEW AND EMERGING WORK

Thesis projects, work in progress, early results, and applied projects that have not yet reached a journal. Previously published papers are not the focus of this call. If part of your work is published, add the DOI and tell us what is new.

MIDAS is not a standard scientific conference. The audience is practitioners and industry stakeholders, so please pitch your work to them.

We value a clear question, a method you can defend and a result a club practitioner could act on. All four tracks are open, and we are particularly interested in Computer Vision and AI Infrastructure.

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THE FOUR TRACKS

DAY 1 · TECHNICAL

COMPUTER VISION

Work that turns cameras and sensors into performance data a club can act on: skeleton tracking, pose estimation, multi-camera and broadcast-feed systems, and validation against what the sport actually needs. We are especially interested in what runs reliably outside a controlled setup, and in honest accounts of what did not work.

DAY 1 · TECHNICAL

AI INFRASTRUCTURE

How a club or federation builds the data architecture underneath its AI: integrating tracking, event, physical and medical data from several providers, ownership and governance of that data, and where language models fit into an analytics or coaching workflow today. Student work on data pipelines, data quality and the evaluation of language model tools fits here.

DAY 2 · INDUSTRY

COMMERCIALIZATION

The path from research to product to buyer, studied rather than pitched: how research reaches a first federation, league or club, what buyers procure and why pilots stall, and what investors are backing in performance and data. We want evidence and analysis. Company pitches are not accepted.

DAY 2 · CLOSING

GOVERNANCE, ETHICS AND STANDARDS

Whether the tools discussed over the two days are trustworthy, fair and interoperable at scale. Regulation including the EU AI Act, athlete data rights, standards and interoperability between vendors, and accountability when a model gets it wrong. Theses from law, policy and ethics are welcome.

WHO CAN SUBMIT

OPEN TO

Master's and PhD students, researchers and club analysts.

Start-ups and commercial vendors are not eligible, and product pitches are not accepted in any track. Each first author may submit one abstract.

REVIEW

WHO READS IT

The programme committee reads every abstract. We look at relevance to the track, practical use, clarity, rigour and novelty.

Student and early-career work is judged mainly on clarity and relevance.

Selected talk authors have a short video interview with one committee member before a slot is confirmed. Poster authors are not interviewed.

HOW TO SUBMIT

THE FORM

Use the form at midas-ai.eu. It is text only, with no file upload, and asks for:

- Title, authors and affiliations
- Career stage: master's student, PhD student, researcher or club analyst
- Track, and whether you prefer a talk or a poster
- An abstract of up to 300 words: the problem, the data and method, the findings so far, and why it matters for clubs
- A link to anything published on this work (paper, preprint, thesis, code or DOI), or a note that nothing is published yet
- The LinkedIn profile of the presenting author, which is required

FORMATS

TALK OR POSTER

A talk is 10 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions. A poster is displayed during the event. Authors print and bring their own poster, and print details come with the acceptance.

The committee may suggest a different format from the one you choose. Presentation is in person, and at least one author must attend.

DATES

FROM CALL TO SYMPOSIUM

DATE	MILESTONE
Monday 19 October 2026	Call opens
Sunday 8 November 2026, 23:59 CET	Submission deadline
Wednesday 11 November 2026	Poster decisions and talk shortlist sent
11 to 15 November 2026	Short video interviews with shortlisted talk authors
Monday 16 November 2026	Final decisions sent; accepted authors confirm attendance
Friday 27 November 2026	Slides due
30 November to 1 December 2026	MIDAS 26, Wort & Bild Verlag, Baierbrunn

WHAT ACCEPTED AUTHORS RECEIVE

WHAT YOU GET

WHO	WHAT
Accepted talk	Free MIDAS entry for up to two authors. Further authors receive 50% off.
Accepted poster, student	Free MIDAS entry.
Accepted poster, PhD, researcher or club analyst	50% off MIDAS entry.
All accepted presenters	A discount of up to 40% on an STN2026 pass, confirmed in the acceptance email. Title and abstract published on the MIDAS website and shared through our channels.

MIDAS does not cover fees, travel or accommodation for abstract authors.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

Can I submit work that is already published?

You can, but new work is what we want. Add the DOI or a link and tell us what is new.

Can I present remotely?

No. Presentation is in person, and at least one author must attend.

What does the interview involve?

A short video call with one committee member, before a talk slot is confirmed. Poster authors are not interviewed.

Can a start-up or company submit?

No. Start-ups and commercial vendors are not eligible. Club analysts are welcome.

Is travel or accommodation covered?

No. MIDAS does not cover fees, travel or accommodation for abstract authors.

Does MIDAS publish proceedings?

No. Accepted titles and abstracts appear on the MIDAS website and our channels, and your work stays yours to publish elsewhere.

ABSTRACTS CLOSE 8 NOVEMBER 2026

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