

2026 ECR Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management

Call for Submissions

Objectives

The 2026 ECR Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management (OSCM) aims to provide a platform for Early Career Researchers (ECRs), including PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and junior faculty members such as lecturers and assistant professors, to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and discuss research in a supportive and collegial environment. The conference will feature multiple parallel presentation sessions, enabling ECRs to present their research and receive constructive feedback from peers and senior scholars. It will also include panel discussion sessions covering topics relevant to ECRs, such as research publication and career development. A preliminary conference programme is available on page 2 of this document.

Date

This one-day conference will be held on 12th June 2026 (Friday).

Venue

This conference will take place at the University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK.

Target Participants

This conference is open to all OSCM ECRs, including PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and junior faculty members such as lecturers and assistant professors, consistent with the Economic and Social Research Council's definition of ECRs (<https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/developing-people-and-skills/esrc/early-career-researchers/>).

Submission Procedure

ECRs interested in presenting their research in the Parallel Presentation Sessions of the conference need to submit an abstract via <https://forms.gle/NgcWQEXnCboxAesYA> by 29th March 2026 (Sunday). A Google account is needed for abstract submission. All submitted abstracts will be reviewed and the submitting authors will be notified of the submission outcomes by 6th April 2026 (Monday). Maximum 24 abstracts will be accepted for presentation. Please note that PhD students accepted to attend the 2026 OSCM PhD Summer School will present their research in the PhD Presentation Competition session rather than in the Parallel Presentation Sessions.

Conference Registration

All ECRs are welcome to register and attend the conference, regardless of whether they will present in the Parallel Presentation Sessions. Registration will open on 6th April 2026 via <https://payments.liv.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/events-at-liverpool/management-school>.

Please note that, due to capacity constraints, registrations will be limited to 100 participants. PhD students accepted to attend the 2026 OSCM PhD Summer School do not need to register separately for the conference, as their PhD Summer School registration already includes conference attendance.

Registration Fee

	PhD Students	Non-PhD Students
Early bird rates (registration from 6 th to 30 th April 2026)	£40	£60
Regular rates (registration from 1 st to 31 st May 2026)	£60	£90

Contact

Please contact Dr Daniel Xing at X.Xing3@liverpool.ac.uk if you have any questions about the conference.

Preliminary Conference Programme

Time	Content	Remark
08:30-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:15	Opening	
09:15-10:15	Meet-the-Editors Session	This session will feature EICs/SEs/AEs of several OSCM journals such as <i>IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management</i> , <i>International Journal of Operations and Production Management</i> , <i>Journal of Operations Management</i> , <i>Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management</i> , <i>Journal of Supply Chain Management</i> , <i>Production and Operations Management</i> , and <i>Transportation Research Part E</i> .
10:15-10:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
10:30-12:30	PhD Presentation Competition	This session is for PhD students attending the 2026 OSCM PhD Summer School to present their research. All conference participants are welcome to attend.
12:30-13:15	Lunch Break	
13:15-15:15	Parallel Presentation Sessions	Each parallel presentation session will be chaired by a senior scholar and feature several presentations by ECRs.
15:15-15:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
15:30-16:30	Panel Discussion Session	The panel discussion will focus on the dos and don'ts of career development for ECRs.
16:30-17:00	Award Giving and Closing	