



Call for proposals to host the 2028 WJEC

Proposal submission deadline: July 1, 2025

The World Journalism Education Council announces a call for proposals to host the 8th World Journalism Education Congress to be held in 2028.

This eighth meeting will follow congresses in Singapore (2007), Grahamstown, South Africa (2010), Mechelen, Belgium (2013), Auckland, New Zealand (2016), Paris, France (2019), Oklahoma Online Congress (2022), San Francisco, California (2025).

The congresses are held under the auspices of the World Journalism Education Council, which is a coalition of 30 academic member organizations dedicated to the betterment and expansion of journalism education globally (wjec.net).

Proposals to host the 8th World Journalism Education Congress in 2028 should meet the following criteria:

1. Bids should come from a WJEC organization in the host country.
2. Applicants must show their capability of organizing a multi-faceted academic meeting.
3. Financial responsibility for conducting a WJEC congress will be the responsibility of the host institution with revenue to be generated by delegate registration, sponsorships, and grants.
4. The registration fee will be negotiated between WJEC and the host institution/organization. Preference will be given to proposals that contain plans for reduced registration for delegates from developing countries following World Bank criteria and sponsorship where possible to support delegates from developing countries.
5. WJEC proposals should include a detailed budget for a three-day congress with revenue and expense projections and contain a letter of commitment from the head of the host institution/organization.
6. Proposals should include a description of transportation options to/from the venue, accommodation options and cultural/tourism opportunities.
7. The three-day program format for WJEC meetings should include the following:
 - Plenaries
 - Panels
 - Research Paper Panels
 - Small Group Syndicates
8. WJEC will share responsibility for organizing and running the academic paper competition, the competition for panel proposals and the scheduling of syndicates.
9. WJEC and the local organizing committee will negotiate the dates for the congress.

10. Preference will be given to WJEC organizations that hold their annual conferences at the same time as WJEC and actively bring in other regional organizations to participate in the Congress.
11. Proposals should assume that meetings and presentations will be conducted mainly in English. Preference will be given to proposals that provide for simultaneous translation of major sessions into other languages.

Deadline for proposals is July 1, 2025.

Proposals should be sent electronically in PDF format to Nico Drok at nicodrok@gmail.com

Finalists may be asked to make a presentation at the Council meeting to be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the Marriott Marquis in San Francisco or by remote teleconference.