

Reminder: [NeurIPS 2026] Invitation to serve as Area Chair

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附 件:

Dear Chenjia Bai,

We are delighted to invite you to serve as an Area Chair (AC) at NeurIPS 2026. More than anyone else, ACs define the program at NeurIPS. As Area Chair, you will guide reviewers during the review process and will recommend papers for acceptance or rejection, with the collaboration of your Senior Area Chair. We aim for Area Chairs to be responsible for about 10 papers each.

This invitation includes both the NeurIPS Main Track and the Evaluations & Datasets Track. In the AC registration form, you may express a preference for which track(s) you prefer to be assigned to.

This year, we are adopting the following initiatives, which we hope will improve both the experience and the quality of the review process:

You will be asked to synthesize reviews into an initial meta-review prior to author response. The idea is that you do the work up front to determine what are the most important concerns to be addressed. Then the authors can focus on those concerns, and the final discussion and decision should also be relatively easy.

Main Track submissions will be categorized into several contribution types - General, Theory, Use-Inspired, Concept & Feasibility, and Negative Results - with supplementary guidelines for reviewers on how to interpret the reviewing guidelines with respect to each contribution type.

We will continue with last year's responsible reviewing initiative, which significantly reduced the need for ACs to chase reviewers. We will add a similar responsible AC'ing initiative with respect to completing the initial meta-reviews in a timely manner. For further info, see: <https://neurips.cc/Conferences/2026/MainTrackHandbook>

Here's our current timeline of reviewing this year; please mark your calendars accordingly:

Paper submission deadline: May 6, 2026

Reviewer/AC bidding for papers: May 8-14, 2026

ACs finetune review assignments: May 21-26, 2026

Review period: May 29-Jun 25, 2026

ACs chase missing reviews: Jun 25-Jul 2, 2026

Emergency review period: Jul 6-20, 2026

ACs write initial meta-reviews: Jul 13-22, 2026

Discussion period: Jul 27-Aug 10, 2026

ACs write final meta-reviews: Aug 10-17, 2026

Decision calibration period: Aug 17-Sep 23, 2026

Author notification: Sep 24, 2026

We expect ACs to be available throughout the reviewing process with particular emphasis during the bidding, discussion, meta-review, and decision calibration periods.

To respond to the invitation, please do the following:

If you have already accepted a Reviewer invitation from NeurIPS 2026 and wish to be an AC instead, please first go back to that invitation and Decline so that you are not listed as both a Reviewer and AC.

Click on the following link to respond to the AC invitation: https://openreview.net/invitation?id=NeurIPS.cc/2026/Conference/Area_Chairs/-/Recruitment&user=~Chenjia_Bai2&key=eae495fe5e2a8a2d3e07e1

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Complete the AC registration form that will be visible on OpenReview under "Tasks".

We ask that you respond ASAP, so that we can move forward with inviting alternate ACs.

If you have any questions, please reach out. For general inquiries and about the main program, email pc2026@neurips.cc. For questions about the Evaluations & Datasets Track, email evaluationsdatasets@neurips.cc.

Thank you for your service!

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