



IEEE Radio Frequency Integrated Circuit Symposium

Author Instructions

These instructions are intended to guide you through the Initial Paper Submission process, as well as the Final Paper Submission process.

These instructions apply only to RFIC authors. The International Microwave Symposium and the RFIC Symposium have different submission deadlines. Additionally, the Technical Program Committees for the two symposia will not be meeting concurrently to perform paper evaluation and selection. The symposia program committees will be unable to trade author submissions between the IMS and RFIC paper selection committees. Therefore, once an author submits a paper to either IMS or RFIC, the paper will stay and be reviewed by that committee. It must be noted that double submission of a similar paper by the same authors, to both conferences (IMS & RFIC) is not permitted. The IMS and RFIC Technical Program Committee Chairs will review a list of all submissions to both conferences. If the same, or similar paper by the same authors is double submitted, the paper will be automatically rejected by both conferences.

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Correct handling of cited references	Incorrect way of handling cited references
<p>“This paper builds on the previous research of [2] by highlighting some of the recent advances...”</p> <p>[2] J. A. Doe and J. B. Doe, “Previous research: a review,” in 2014 Int. Conf. on Writing Conf. Papers, Luckenbach, TX, USA, Jun. 2014, pp. 1721–1734.</p> <p>Use anonymous, third-person language when referring to your own work. Do not redact any references, including your own.</p>	<p>“In this paper, we build on our previous research [2] and highlight some of the recent advances...”</p> <p>[2] (Redacted – double blind), “Previous research: a review,” in 2014 Int. Conf. on Writing Conf. Papers, Luckenbach, TX, USA, Jun. 2014, pp. 1721–1734.</p> <p>Do not use first-person language such as “we” and “our” when referring to your own work. Do not redact any references, including your own.</p>

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Paper Selection Criteria. All submissions must be in **English**. Papers will be selected based on the following factors:

- **Originality:** The paper must be unique, significant, and represents state-of-the-art. Are references to existing literature included?
- **Quantitative content:** The papers should give an explicit description of the work with supporting data.
- **Quality:** Clarity of the writing and figures. What is the contribution to advancing the state of the art?
- **Interest to RFIC attendees:** Why should this work be reported at this conference?

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Presentation Format.

- **Full-Length Papers** report significant contributions, advancements, or applications of RF and microwave technology in a formal presentation format with a question-and-answer session immediately after your presentation. Details of the regular submissions can be found in the RFIC Call for Papers
- **Interactive Forum Papers** provide an opportunity for authors to present theoretical or experimental results in greater detail, and in poster format, and/or to display hardware, perform demonstrations, and/or conduct discussions in an informal manner with interested audience.

Student Paper Contest. A student paper contest will be held as part of the Symposium. Student papers will be reviewed in the same manner as all other conference papers. To be considered for an award, the student must have been a full-time student (9 hours/term graduate, 12 hours/term undergraduate) during the time the work was performed. The student must be the lead author of the paper, and must present the paper at the Symposium. **The student is required to register the paper as a student paper in the paper submission process.** A memorandum will be automatically sent to the advisor to certify that the work was done by the student. Papers accepted for the competition will be judged on academic content, originality and quality. All of the RFIC student paper finalists (best ~ 15 student papers) will receive **complementary** RFIC registration. The student paper winners (i.e., the top 3 student papers) will receive a \$500 honorarium (in addition to the complementary registration). Winners will be announced and recognized at the RFIC plenary session.

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Author Registration and Initial Paper Submission Steps. In order to have your paper considered for publication, you will have to complete several steps:

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- If the paper is accepted, Authors are required to submit the final version of the manuscript.

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Your completed manuscript for the Symposium Digest must be received by the final paper submission deadline. **Manuscripts received after this date will not be accepted or published in the Digest.**

Key differences between the initial paper and final paper are summarized in the table below.

	Initial Paper	Final Paper
Authors and Affiliations	Must be redacted for double-blind review	Include all authors and affiliations
Third-person language	Must use anonymous third-person language when referring to one's own cited work, e.g. "In [3], the investigators showed that..."	May use first-person language when referring to one's own cited work, e.g. "In [3], we showed that..."
Acknowledgments	Must not be included	May be included
Cited References	Must NOT be redacted	Must not be redacted
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