



The International Conference on Cryptology and Network Security (CANS) is a well-established forum for research in cryptography, cybersecurity, and network security. CANS 2026 marks the 25th edition of the conference and will be held in Wollongong, Australia, a coastal city just south of Sydney, known for its beaches, dramatic escarpment, and relaxed atmosphere. CANS brings together researchers from both cryptography and systems/network security, with an emphasis on work that bridges theory and practice. The conference seeks academic, industry, and government submissions on all theoretical and practical aspects of cryptology and network security, and its extended domains in modern computing systems.

Submissions are invited on all aspects of cryptology and network security, including but not limited to:

- Public-key cryptography (including post-quantum cryptography)
- Symmetric-key cryptography and cryptanalysis
- Hash functions, MACs, and authenticated encryption
- Zero-knowledge proofs and secure multiparty computation
- Fully homomorphic encryption and advanced cryptographic primitives
- Lattice-, code-, isogeny-, and other post-quantum systems
- Cryptographic protocols and formal security models
- Network security and protocols
- Distributed systems security and consensus
- Cloud, edge, and IoT security
- Software and systems security
- Malware, intrusion detection, and threat analysis
- Privacy-enhancing technologies
- Applied cryptography in deployed systems
- Implementation security and side-channel analysis
- Hardware security
- Usable security and human factors
- AI/ML for security and security of AI systems
- Blockchain and decentralized systems
- Measurement studies and empirical security

Paper Submission Information

Submissions must present original work that has not been previously published or submitted elsewhere. All submissions will be double-blind and will undergo a rigorous peer-review process. All submissions must be fully anonymous with no author names, affiliations, acknowledgments, or obvious references. Submissions must be written in English and may include up to 20 pages of text and up to 10 pages for references and appendices, totaling no more than 30 pages using Springer's LNCS package with no changes to the style. Papers should be sufficiently intelligible and self-contained without appendices so that PC members can make decisions without reading appendices. Submissions not meeting the submission guidelines risk rejection regardless of their merits. Refer to the conference web page for AI tool policies. The proceedings will be published by Springer-Verlag as a volume of the LNCS series. Authors of accepted papers must guarantee that at least one of the authors will register and attend the conference and present their paper.

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Important Dates

Paper Submission Deadline: 10 June 2026 (AoE)
Notification of Acceptance: 10 August 2026
Camera-ready: 17 August 2026
Registration for Authors: 24 August 2026
Early Bird: By 1 October 2026
Conference: 23 - 25 November 2026

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