

# Author Guidelines for MSS Symposium Proceedings

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## Abstract

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**Table 1. Sample table.**

Level	Size	Style	Before	After
1	12 point	Bold	1 line	1 line

Stuff that goes into the figure itself.

**Figure 1. Example of short caption.**

Things that go bump in the night.

**Figure 2. Example of long caption requiring more than one line.**

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Author names are to be centered beneath the title and printed in Times 12-point, non-boldface type. Affiliations and email addresses are to be below each author's name, and set in Times 12-point italic type. If all authors have the same affiliation, the affiliation can appear centered below all authors' names. This information is to be followed by two blank lines.

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## References

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<sup>1</sup>Or, better still, try to avoid footnotes altogether. If you do use footnotes, place them at the bottom of the column on the page on which they are referenced using 8-point single-spaced Times.