

2024 Professional Staff Conference - Presenter Expression of Interest

We're excited that the biggest professional conference of the year is back in-person at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for 2024.

This year's theme is **How We Drive Progress: Now and for the Future**. It's been chosen to showcase how we're driving progress for the University within the professional staff community, and to be a platform to share success stories, challenges, opportunities, and practical takeaways for others to learn from.

The program will include keynote speeches, panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities.

The 2024 Committee warmly invites submissions from professional staff of all backgrounds, and is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming event featuring a diverse range of speakers. Submissions from individuals or teams of presenters are welcome. Greater consideration will be given to submissions that demonstrate collaboration across disciplines, functional areas or with external partners and organisations. Furthermore, we encourage presentations that focus on the University's strategic priorities such as sustainability and indigenous knowledge systems. Pitch your idea – sell it to us!

Before you start your expression of interest, please ensure you have read the 2024 Professional Staff Conference Presenter Guidelines, which contains important information about this year's Theme and Sub-Themes: [Presenter Guidelines](#).

Have you read the 2024 Professional Staff Conference Presenter Guidelines?

- Yes
- No

How many presenters will there be?

- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - More than 3
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Have any of these presenters presented at a Professional Staff Conference in the past five years?

- No
 - Yes
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Please provide details of year and presentation (i.e., content, presentation format)

Presenter 1 Name and pronouns (optional)
e.g. Jane Doe (she/her); John Citizen (they/them)

Presenter 1 Email (primary contact)

Presenter 1 Position

Presenter 1 Division

Presenter 1 Brief Bio (500 characters max)

For each additional presenter, please enter the following information: Name, Pronouns, Email, Position, Division and short bio

Presentation Details

The Professional Staff Conference Committee invite you to submit your proposed presentations for the 2024 conference. As well as factoring in our 2024 themes and sub-themes to your submission, we encourage you to consider the following themes as you develop your presentation:

Now

The Now stream is the place to showcase and share practical solutions that can help others today. What are we already doing well? How can we improve ourselves and our work to tackle today’s challenges? What are the tools and technologies we could use today to be more efficient and effective? We are seeking presentations who can contribute to our growth and efficiency, topics which might include the following:

- Learning from each other to make the most of what we already have, by highlighting successful initiatives and best practices within the University that we can all learn from.
- Building a strong local team culture and share strategies and experiences how you did it.
- Developing tools, templates or processes that help make your role easier or more efficient.
- Sharing valuable resources or programs that others could benefit from if they were more widely known.

New

The ‘New’ stream is the place to showcase and share discoveries that will help others prepare for tomorrow. Sessions in the ‘New’ stream will focus on what’s just around the corner, to help staff

understand and prepare for immediate upcoming changes, developments, and opportunities. Examples of topics that contribute to our preparedness can include:

- Will the impact of AI change the way we work?
- What new possibilities and capabilities can we do once Workday and Cayuse are in place?
- Understanding how will the ARC reforms and new independent board affect us?
- Perhaps you've been trying new ideas, approaches, and technologies that others may be able to adopt.
- Maybe you're in the University's early adopter trials of an AI tool and want to show off how it's helped you.

Future

The 'Future' stream is the place to showcase and share strategy and solutions with long-term benefit or impact. Sessions in the 'Future' stream set their focus over the horizon on how we're setting ourselves up for long-term success. Examples of topics that contribute to our long term success can include:

- Strategies to build a better future.
- Insights on building and maintaining successful long-term partnerships.
- How can we be more sustainable? What skills should I be developing for the future?
- Perhaps you've built strong, successful partnerships, and want to share how you did it.
- Tips on reusing equipment to save money and reduce environmental impact.
- Or maybe you have a vision for a collaboration and want to find like-minded champions.

Below, please provide a detailed abstract of your presentation, outlining the key points you will cover, the relevance to our key themes, and the expected outcomes or takeaways for the audience. Additionally, include any specific requirements or equipment needed for your presentation.

By incorporating these themes, we aim to foster a diverse and inclusive conference environment that promotes holistic and forward-thinking approaches to contemporary issues.

Which sub-theme does your presentation align to?

- Now
- New
- Future

Presentation title (max 75 characters)

Presentation abstract (max 1500 characters)

Please describe how your presentation aligns with your selected sub-theme or overlaps with other sub-themes (max 500 characters)

Who is your intended audience for this session?

What are the intended learning outcomes for attendees of your session?
Please enter in dot point format

Availability for Presentation

Please enter all times that you will be available to present, or specify specific times in the "Other" section if these times don't suit. The 2024 PSC will take place on Tuesday 1 October.

Morning

Afternoon

Other _____

Preferred length of presentation

Please enter your preferred presentation length.

- 25 minutes (including Q&A)
 - 50 minutes (including Q&A)
 - No preference.
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Type of presentation

Please select your intended format for your presentation

- Showcase/Demonstration/Presentation
- Panel Discussion
- Workshop
- Other _____

Are you happy to share your slides post-event?

- Yes
 - No
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Do you consent to photographs or video being taken during the presentation to be used post-conference for promotional activity?

- Yes
 - No
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Do you understand that as a presenter, you will be requested to pay for your own ticket at a discounted cost as per the Presenter Guidelines?

Yes

No

Before you submit your EOI, do you have any final comments?
