

AEN 2020

AUSTRALASIAN ETHICS
NETWORK CONFERENCE

EMERGING ISSUES IN
RESEARCH ETHICS:
KEEPING UP AND
BRINGING OTHERS ALONG

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AEN 2020 Call for Abstracts

Call for abstracts for the 2020 AEN conference are now open.

For enquires please contact the conference committee via:
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Key Dates

Abstract Submission Open: 18 February 2020

Pre-Conference Workshop Submissions Closes: 20 April 2020

Abstract Submission Closes: 25 May 2020

Presenters Notified: Late June 2020

Submission of Abstracts

All abstracts are subject to peer review. The type of presentation offered, and the day of presentation will be the decision of the organising committee. It is a condition of submission that the presenting author of the abstract must register for the conference and pay the registration fee **by the early registration deadline.**

Format of Abstracts

Abstracts MUST adhere to the following:

- Length - up to a maximum of 250 words (500 words for pre-conference workshop)
- Formatted in abstract/ workshop template
- Submitted under one of the below four session themes:
 - Research Ethics and Integrity
 - Keeping up with Data
 - Emerging issues in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) Research
 - Keeping up with emerging issues in 'Health' and 'Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics' (STEM) Research
- If you would like to submit an abstract that does not fit within one of the four themes, please contact: sophie.zervas@flinders.edu.au

Conference Session Themes

Theme 1: Research Ethics and Integrity

Research integrity involves active adherence to ethical principles and professional standards and creates trust within an institution and between researchers and the wider community. This theme explores aspects of research integrity- in particular- its connections with research ethics, such as:

- How can research ethics committees promote and enhance a culture of responsible research conduct within the institution?
- What processes are necessary to support and guide researchers in maintaining high standards of responsible research?
- How can institutions, ethics committees, and research supervisors work collaboratively in training researchers?
- How can institutions, ethics committees and researchers manage and respond to questionable research conduct?
- What processes are necessary to support and guide researchers in maintaining high standards of responsible research when working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities?
- How can institutions support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander membership and leadership of HREC's?

Theme 2: Keeping up with Data:

Rapid technological advances and increasing support for data sharing are changing the way we think about, store, use and re-use research data. This theme explores ethical issues associated with all facets of research data, including:

- What are the emerging ethical concerns when sharing data with others?
- What special risks and benefits arise when sharing data across national and international borders?
- What does privacy mean when data is obtained from publicly available sites?
- When and how should researchers share data with participants?
- When is data culturally sensitive and how should this be managed?
- How and when should Indigenous data sovereignty be considered – who does or should own the data?

Theme 3: Emerging issues in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) research

Solutions to some of the big research questions involves broad sector collaboration between researchers from HASS, STEM and Health Research. This theme explores emerging issues in research about human behaviour including interactions within health, social, cultural, environmental, economic and political contexts:

- What are the unique ethical issues emerging in this research area?
- Are there particular emerging issues in HASS research with Indigenous people and communities?
- How should participant vulnerability be assessed in HASS research?
- What are the emerging ethical issues in online-based HASS research?
- What ethical issues arise when HASS research combines with biomedical and laboratory-based research?

Theme 4: Keeping up with emerging issues in 'Health' and 'Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics' (STEM) research.

New technologies and the changing landscape in health and STEM research are impacting on how these areas of research are regulated and organised. This conference theme, explores issues that arise from novel partnerships between health and STEM research and by technological innovations in these areas. Questions include:

- What are the challenges for socially responsible research raised by innovative technologies?
- What new issues are emerging for researchers and regulators?
- What are emerging ethical issues in areas of STEM and health research for Indigenous people?
- How do we build capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities/organisations/researchers to participate in review of health and STEM research?
- When are we considered 'patients', 'consumers' or 'research participants' in health research?
- How do we ensure that genomic, epidemiological and biomedical research *includes* rather than *excludes* underserved people and health conditions?
- How can ethics committees be responsive to research required for disaster situations such as rapidly evolving environmental emergencies and health pandemics?

CALL for WORKSHOPS

Pre-conference workshops allow for in depth exploration of research ethics topics and opportunities for sharing ideas between presenters and attendees. We welcome workshop submissions across a range of topics related to the broad conference themes of keeping up with new and emerging research ethics issues and bringing others along.

We would particularly welcome workshops in the following areas:

1. Support and training for researchers and research ethics committee members
2. Understanding and applying guidelines for research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities
3. Exploring ethical issues which arise when using publicly available data (online and in other forms of media) for research

For information regarding writing or submitting your abstract please contact Sophie at sophie.zervas@flinders.edu.au

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TEMPLATE

Title

Surname, First name ^x, Surname, First name ^x,

^x *Affiliation*, ^x *Affiliation*,

Presenter email address:

Background

Discussion

Conclusion

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SUBMISSION TEMPLATE

Title of workshop

Surname, First name ^x, Surname, First name ^x,

Presenter email address:

List of Facilitators (including name, institution and country): *for inclusion on website and provisional program*

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Summary of theme and why it is important

Who should participate in the Pre-Conference Workshop?

What are the expected learning outcomes from attending the workshop?