

GUIDELINES FOR ERA 2009 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Presentation at ERA 2009 is open to PhD, Professional Doctoral and Masters students engaged in ageing-related research from any discipline.
- Those wishing to present an oral or poster presentation must submit an abstract by **15 May 2009**.
- All abstracts will be peer reviewed and applicants will be notified of outcomes by **5 June 2009**.
- **Following the theme of the conference, ‘What’s In Your Toolkit?’, reflect upon your methodological approach in addition to your data and findings.**
- Once your abstract is accepted, you are encouraged, but not obliged, to submit a 2,000 word paper based on this abstract. Full Papers submission is a separate process and is due by **31 July 2009**. Full Papers will be published in the conference proceedings and meet the DEST criteria for acceptance as a peer reviewed publication. Guidelines for submitting a full paper are on the conference website (<http://www.med.monash.edu/sphc/haru/conference09/>).

General principles

- The purpose of an abstract is to provide referees with a clear understanding of your research, to solicit referees’ comments to guide development of your final presentation or paper, and to attract conference participants to your presentation. You should link the relevance of your work to the theme of the conference and present a concise, straightforward and interesting synopsis of your intended presentation.

Abstracts must:

- be no more than 250 words, in one paragraph
- use a clear and simple style
- use justified alignment
- use Australian spelling e.g. ‘ageing’
- not include references unless they are very specific to the study e.g. “This study replicates that of Jones (2000)”

With regards to the content of your abstract, please consider including the following:

- *What will you discuss? What is the question you are addressing?*
For example, “This paper discusses some of the barriers faced by people with an intellectual disability ...”.
Or, “Two questions were central to the research ...”.
- *Where is your issue located? What are the key debates in this area?*
For example, “The rationing of scarce resources has been a central theme in the field of community care”.
Or, “There has been ongoing sociological debate on the place of home ownership in the generation and transmission of inequality”.
- *Why is it important?*
For example, “Until this information is made available, women will continue to be disadvantaged ...”.
Or, “Given these trends, it is important that service providers are involved in research that informs policy direction”.
- *What is the basis for your presentation? (i.e. results of research, practice experience, etc).*

For example, “This paper reports the findings of a recent empirical study ...”.

Or, “Case examples from the human services will be used to illustrate this discussion”.

- *What are the implications of your findings? How does/could your research translate into positive outcomes for older persons?*

For example, “Recommendations are made, aimed at designing more responsive, flexible and diverse services for family carers”.

Or, “Existing disability service policies have a role as both the creator and solver of these inequities”.

- **You are encouraged to show your abstracts to academic supervisors for feedback prior to submission.**
- **Abstracts must be completed and submitted on-line via the conference website (<http://www.med.monash.edu/sphc/haru/conference09/>). Direct any enquiries by email to era2009.sphc@med.monash.edu.au or phone (03) 8575 2238.**