

# HERDSA2012

Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia Inc.



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The Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia Incorporated (HERDSA) promotes the development of policy and practice in higher education. Membership is open to anybody interested in the promotion and enhancement of teaching, learning and academic practice in tertiary and higher education.

The 2012 conference is the 35th annual conference in the Society's prestigious series. It will be proudly hosted by the University of Tasmania and will attract delegates from Australasia and around the world.

## Invitation

The Co-convenors and Organising Committee warmly invite you to submit proposals for HERDSA 2012 under the overarching conference theme of **Connections in Higher Education**. The Committee is particularly seeking submissions that explore the policies, research, leadership and student outcomes we should be pursuing in higher education world-wide to establish and sustain connections with the entire sector.

All submissions must relate to the conference theme, **Connections in Higher Education** and address one or more of the conference sub-themes:

- Creating and sustaining peer connections
- Establishing community connections
- Enriching interdisciplinary connections
- Connections for student success
- Connecting with research

## Conference Committee

- **Dr Natalie Brown**, Co-Head, Centre for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching (CALT), University of Tasmania – Co-convenor
- **Prof Susan (Sue) Jones**, School of Zoology, University of Tasmania, ALTC Discipline Scholar for Science – Co-convenor
- **Ms Tracy Douglas**, Lecturer and First Year Coordinator, School of Human Life Sciences, University of Tasmania
- **Ms Rebecca Shaw**, Finance and Projects Officer, CALT, University of Tasmania
- **Dr Jane Skalicky**, Academic Coordinator, Peer Learning, CALT, University of Tasmania
- **Dr Gary Williams**, Co-Head, CALT, University of Tasmania

## Conference Hosts

HERDSA 2012 will be hosted by the University of Tasmania.



## Program Overview

### Monday 2 July 2012

Registration

Workshops

Welcome reception

### Tuesday 3 July 2012

Official opening

Plenary and concurrent sessions

### Wednesday 4 July 2012

Plenary and concurrent sessions

Conference dinner

### Thursday 5 July 2012

Plenary sessions

Conference close (half day)

## Important Dates

Contributions due	20 February 2012
Acceptance of contributions emailed	11 April 2012
Provisional program available	16 April 2012
Early bird registration closed	7 May 2012

Call for Contributions

[conference.herdsa.org.au/2012](http://conference.herdsa.org.au/2012)

## Submission of Contributions

Authors are invited to submit proposals as follows:

- Full Refereed Paper
- Showcase Presentation
- Poster

All proposals are to be submitted via the HERDSA 2012 Online Portal. The closing date for all submissions is 20 February 2012, 11.55pm Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time. There will be NO extension to this date.

Submissions are accepted on the basis that at least one presenter must register and attend the conference. Each registrant may only be the principal presenter for no more than two presentations; one oral presentation (paper or showcase) and one poster. Co-presenters are allowed, but they must be registered as a minimum for the day of their presentation if they wish to present. Where there are multiple presenters, it is important the presentation time is strictly adhered to so enough time is available for discussion.

Prior to submitting proposals, authors will find it helpful to refer to the Information for Reviewers, in particular the section on rating the papers. Contributions should be original, comply with copyright law, be submitted on the correct template and reflect the Formatting Guidelines relating to format and presentation. All information is available from the conference website.

## Presentation Formats

**Full Refereed Paper** – should be no more than 5000 words.

These proposals will be double blind reviewed. Accepted papers will be included in the refereed proceedings of the Conference. They will also be made available in the electronic proceedings and placed on the HERDSA website. It is anticipated that full refereed papers will be allocated 25 minutes for presentation which will include 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

**Showcase Presentation** – proposals are to be submitted as a 250 word abstract plus further information on how the proposal fits the conference theme (up to 250 words). These proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Organising Committee. All accepted abstracts will be included in the electronic proceedings and placed on the HERDSA website. It is anticipated that showcase presentations will be allocated 25 minutes for presentation which will include 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

**Poster** – proposals are to be submitted as a 250 word abstract plus further information on how the proposal fits the Conference theme (up to 250 words). These proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Organising Committee. All accepted abstracts will be included in the electronic proceedings and placed on the HERDSA website. Posters will be available for viewing for the duration of the conference. An interactive poster viewing session will be held for authors to discuss their poster with other delegates.

## Awards and Prizes

The following awards and prizes will be made at HERDSA 2012

- 1. Taylor and Francis Prize: Best Paper by a New Researcher**  
The purpose of the award is to foster original research by encouraging new and less experienced researchers. This award is open to a new researcher(s) presenting a full refereed paper.
- 2. Edith Cowan University Authentic Learning Award**  
The purpose of the award is to promote the development of authentic learning environments in all facets of university teaching and learning, and to support the dissemination and publication of good practice associated with these environments.
- 3. The University of Sydney, Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) Creative Presentation Award**  
This award is open to all full refereed paper and showcase presentations and recognises and encourages excellence in the scholarly communication of knowledge in a conference presentation. The purpose of the award is to foster engaging and innovative presentations at the HERDSA conference.
- 4. HERDSA Prize for Best Paper Presentation by a Student**  
The prize is to encourage students to disseminate their work at national and international higher education conferences. Applicants must be presenting a full referred paper or showcase at the HERDSA conference in order to be eligible for this prize.
- 5. HERDSA Prize for Best Poster**  
All poster presentations are eligible for this prize. The purpose of the prize is to promote and recognise excellence in the ability to visually communicate ideas, findings or outcomes related to tertiary education.
- 6. HERDSA Prize for People's Choice of Poster**  
All poster presentations are eligible for this prize. Delegates will vote for this prize.
- 7. HERDSA Travel Awards to attend the HERDSA Conference**  
Three awards of up to \$1,000 are available to provide support for people to attend and participate in the annual conference of HERDSA. Applicants will be considered on a case by case basis.

Further information and application forms for the awards and prizes can be downloaded from the conference website.

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