



## Guidelines for Abstract Submission

### Eligibility:

Abstract submission to ACUR@ANU 2021 is open to all undergraduate students and recent graduates including Honours students (within 12 months of Graduation at Bachelor's level) to present research conducted during or before undergraduate studies including extra-curricular research.

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 ACUR Conference due to COVID-19, this year students will be eligible to submit their research that they completed in 2019/20, as an undergraduate, Honours or first year Masters of Research (MRes) student.

Please contact [ACUR.2021@anu.edu.au](mailto:ACUR.2021@anu.edu.au) if you are unsure about your eligibility to submit an abstract to ACUR@ANU 2021.

### Presentation Formats:

**Poster presentation:** 10 minutes with 5 minutes for Q&A with audience including judges

**Oral presentation:** 10 minutes with 5 minutes for Q&A with audience including judges

### Abstract Guidelines:

Your abstract must be **no more than 250** words long and include:

- A clear statement of the research question, problem, or issue being investigated
- Relevant background information needed to understand the importance of the research question or aim
- A clear statement of research methodology
- A summary of your key findings and an indication of the findings' significance

Please ensure that your abstract is written clearly and concisely, and in a way that would be understandable to a cross-disciplinary audience.

Further advice can be accessed here: <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/academic-skills/research-writing/journal-article-writing/writing-an-abstract>.

### Abstract Keywords:

In the abstract submission form, you will be asked to identify keywords that relate to your abstract. Keywords should identify:

- The key concepts or themes of study
- Key methodologies or theories

### Peer Review Rubric

Your abstract will be double blind peer reviewed by university academics in accordance with the following rubric:

- Contains terminology and content that can be understood by a general university audience.
- Provides a clear statement of the research question, problem or issue being investigated.
- Provides relevant context/background information needed to understand the importance of the research topic/issue.
- Includes a clear statement of relevant methodology.
- Indicates what was found and why it matters.
- Is written clearly and concisely.

### Academic Supervisor Endorsement:

**Your academic supervisor must endorse your abstract** by contacting ACUR@ANU via email: [ACUR.2021@anu.edu.au](mailto:ACUR.2021@anu.edu.au). Academic supervisors can be the lecturer, tutor, marker/grader or other academic teaching staff who oversaw, graded or were otherwise involved with your research from which your submitted abstract is derived.

*I [supervisor's name] endorse the abstract and associated research of [student's name] that they are submitting to the 2021 Australasian Council of Undergraduate Research (ACUR) Conference. They completed the research as part of [indicate course/class, research opportunity or other context in which the research was completed] in [year] at [institution]. I recommend this research to ACUR@ANU 2021 as high quality, valid, honest and ethical research that abides by the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Ethical Research](#).*