



# ALIA VET Libraries™ Australia Conference

## Call for Proposals

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and VET Libraries Australia (VLA) are pleased to announce the upcoming Breaking Barriers conference on 8th November 2023. This virtual conference is designed to empower library and information professionals working in vocational education institutions by providing them with the latest knowledge and expertise required to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

The conference will feature keynote speeches, presentations, lightning talks, and panel discussions. As an attendee, you will have the opportunity to connect with your peers from across Australia, build knowledge, share information, and explore innovative ideas for improving library services in vocational education.

### **Conference Theme: Breaking Barriers**

Are you passionate about pushing the boundaries of librarianship? Do you have a success story, a cutting-edge approach, or an inventive solution that has or will enhance learning experiences in vocational settings?

This conference offers a unique platform to exchange ideas, showcase best practices, and shape the future of vocational libraries.

Topics might include (but are not limited to):

- Innovative library programs and services.
- Programs that have empowered vocational students.
- Strategies that have fostered diversity, inclusivity, and accessibility within libraries.
- Utilisation of emerging technologies.
- Collaborative approaches between vocational libraries, educational institutions, and industry partners.

## Submission Types

We invite you to submit a proposal for:

- **Presentations** on research studies, case studies, evaluations, or projects. Presentations may also be more exploratory, highlighting a key challenge, opportunity or possibility. Presentations will be 25 minutes in length including question time.
- **Lightning talks** that provide a short overview of a project, showcase a technology or implementation, or highlight a key issue. Lightning talks are an ideal space to float ideas and will be 10 minutes in length including question time.

You are also welcome to submit ideas for a different session type (e.g. a panel discussion). Please tell us your idea!

## Who can submit?

While we have a focus on the vocational education sector, we invite proposals from library and information professionals from any sector or region - essentially anyone with a passion and commitment to the important role that libraries play in our society.

# What to submit?

Submissions should include:

- an abstract (no more than 500 words)
- a biography for each presenter(s)
- a photograph of the presenter(s)
- an overview of:
  - what attendees will get out of your session.
  - how the session fits the conference theme.

## Review

All proposals will be reviewed, and all applicants will be notified as to whether they are successful or unsuccessful. Successful applicants will receive complimentary conference registration.

## Copyright guidelines

All abstracts submitted must be original work and not previously presented in any form at other conferences (unless agreed to in writing by the conference organisers).

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By submitting your abstract, you acknowledge that all submissions (abstracts, full papers and presentations) may be published on ALIA websites, smartphone application and conference handbook (program and abstract booklet). You also acknowledge and grant permission to have your presentation live webstreamed, video and or audio recorded and for those recordings to be published via the ALIA website.

Please note, accepted abstracts will be published on the conference website as per your original submission. Please ensure that your abstract has been proofread before submitting and does not contain any personal or contact details that you do not wish to be published.

## Need More Information

Enquiries regarding proposal submissions can be directed to ALIA at [events@alia.org.au](mailto:events@alia.org.au)

### Important Dates

Call for proposals open 21st July 2023

Registrations open 21st July 2023

Call for proposals close 4 August 2023

Presenter notification 15 September 2023

## Presenter details

**Please complete for each co-presenter. All presenters are required to register for the conference. All presenters will receive complimentary registration to the conference. Please note that presenter details including biographies and images will be published on the conference website, handbook and other promotional materials.**

Presenter name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media \_\_\_\_\_

**Please also attach an image for each presenter**

Biography (max 500 words)

## Co-presenter details

Presenter name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

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## Submission details

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred presentation type(s):

Presentation (25 minutes including Q&A)

Lightning talk (10 minutes including Q&A)

Submission overview (max 500 words)

**Relevance** – please tell us how your submission relates to the conference theme (max 200 words)

**Outcome** – what will delegates learn/achieve (max 200 words)

**Submission guidelines** – I confirm that I have read and understood all submission guidelines and understand the requirements for my presentation. I have received all the necessary permissions from my co-presenters (if applicable) and employer to submit and attend the conference. I confirm that I have read and agree to the copyright guidelines.

I agree

Please send the completed submission form to [events@alia.org.au](mailto:events@alia.org.au).