



NATIONAL 2022 CONFERENCE

Monday 16 to Thursday 19 May 2022
National Convention Centre, Canberra

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Call for proposals

ALIA National Conference provides the platform as a meeting point for all Library and Information professionals, from all sectors and all areas of Australia and the international community. The National Conference provides unparalleled opportunities to become stronger as professionals and as an industry with an engaging program and a forum to collaborate, network and build partnerships amongst our colleagues, peers, industry leaders and corporate partners.

ALIA National 2022 Conference will take place at the National Convention Centre, Canberra from Monday 16 to Thursday 19 May 2022 and will focus on the theme of 'Diversity'.

Respect for the diversity and individuality of all people is one of ALIA's core values, and 'diversity' has been selected by ALIA President, Vicki Edmunds as her Presidential theme. Libraries serve diverse communities and work to develop, maintain and share diverse collections. ALIA's strategic plan has identified a priority action to 'support a resilient, diverse workforce: attracting and developing talented, committed individuals from different cultural backgrounds, who will have the strength and agility to navigate a rapidly changing workplace.' Putting this into action, the Professional Pathways Initiative is actively working to listen to diverse voices and support more diverse pathways into the Profession.

Diversity has many layers, and it is the aim of this conference to delve into these layers and discuss – what is diversity, why it matters and how LIS professionals address and advocate for diversity not just within the profession but for their community, services and workplace. Key topics will include diversity in leadership, inclusion, employment, innovation, culture, opinion and ideology and the future of the profession.

This is a chance to celebrate the diversity within our sector, to recognize the work being done to support greater diversity, equity and inclusion, and to acknowledge the work that still needs to be done.

We are seeking your contributions to deliver a fresh, engaging and stimulating conference program around this provocative theme. Share with us your ambitions, achievements, experiments and experiences on diversity in all its forms. This will be a conference about challenges, experiences and possibilities. This is a unique opportunity to network, collaborate, grow, share our stories, our successes and our challenges and build a community to a more sustainable and inclusive future.

Submission guidelines

Submission types

Attending a conference is about more than seeing papers presented. It's about connecting with your peers, participating in discussion, and being exposed to a myriad of ideas from within the sector and beyond. With this in mind, there are a broad variety of submission types for the 2022 conference to encourage submissions that will allow you to actively engage in the conference experience. You are also welcome to submit ideas for a different session type.

You can submit a proposal for any of the following:

- **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. Accompanying papers are optional. Papers have a maximum length of 10 pages including references. Peer review of papers is available on request.
- **Lightning talks** that provide a very short overview of a project, showcase a technology or implementation, or highlight a key issue. Lightning talks are an ideal space to float ideas or gain speaking experience. Lightning talks will be 8 minutes in length including question time.
- **Workshops** are intended to be "hands on" learning experiences generally focusing on a specific area or learning outcome. Workshops may be held on the Monday prior to the main conference or during the conference as a concurrent session. Workshops can either be half-day or full day.
- **Panels** on hot topics. Panel sessions bring together a variety of speakers on a single topic. Panels will be for no more than 55 minutes (including question time) with around three panel members speaking to the topic.
- **Posters** on topics of interest to the sector, including research studies, case studies, evaluations, or projects. Posters may also be more exploratory, highlighting a key problem, opportunity, or possibility. Poster presenters will be provided with a board and an allocated set time during the conference where you will be able to display your poster and discuss with delegates. Posters should be A1 size and you may also wish to provide handouts to delegates.
- **Other** – have a great idea for another presentation type? Tell us your idea.

Please keep in mind that all session rooms will be set up in theatre style for the maximum capacity attendees.

Who can submit?

We invite proposals from library and information sector professionals, industry partners, - 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 which should include an outline of relevant speaking experience and their content expertise
- a photograph of the presenter(s)
- an overview of:
 - what attendees will get out of your session
 - how the session fits the conference theme.

How to submit

Proposals should be submitted using the submission form.

Review

All proposals will be reviewed, and all authors will be notified as to whether their application has been successful or unsuccessful.

Authors may also decide to submit a paper and to have the paper reviewed. Authors of posters, workshops, panel sessions and lightning talks are not required to submit a paper.

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 web-streamed, video and or audio recorded and for those recordings to be published via the Australian Library and Information Association 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.

Key dates

Call for proposals close	18 October 2021
Author notification	19 November 2021
Program published	26 November 2021
Conference registration opens	29 November 2021
Peer review paper submission (if submitting)	13 December 2021
Final paper (if submitting) and presentation submission	9 May 2022
ALIA National 2022 conference	16 May to 19 May 2022

We are unable to offer financial assistance to attend and all presenters must register for and attend the conference. Speakers are eligible to receive a discounted conference registration fee.

Need more information?

Enquiries regarding proposal submissions can be directed to ALIA at events@alia.org.au