Teacher Education is more than at any other time in our history, in a key public position in the Australian context. With this intense gaze comes new questions and questioning of our work, our research and our practices. This is an excellent time for the Australian Teacher Education Association to capitalise on the attention by politicians and policy makers seeking solutions to the best ways we can prepare teachers for diverse communities.

Conference proposals are called for the theme and sub-themes of …

- Innovation in Teacher Education
- Interventions in and for Teacher Education
- Impact and evidence in Teacher Education
- Policy and practice in Teacher Education
- International trends in Teacher Education
- Questioning and new questions for Teacher Education

Key dates

- Call for abstracts: Opens November 2015
- Abstract submission due: 14 Feb 2016
- Authors notified: 14 March 2016

Submission Policy

- In order to provide opportunities for as many people as possible to present their work authors may not submit more than one abstract for each presentation type (i.e. a total of four abstracts, for an oral presentation, poster, symposium, or roundtable) where they are the lead presenter. They may be a subsequent author on a paper, where that paper is to be presented by another registered participant, or a symposium discussant etc.
- All presenting authors of accepted abstracts for oral and poster presentations and all presenters in accepted symposia and workshops are expected to attend the conference and be present at the scheduled sessions.
Abstract submissions for all presentations must be emailed to ATEA2016@federation.edu.au in MS Word format (.doc or .docx). Abstracts are to be between 300-500 words in length.

Abstract submissions for all presentations must contain NO author identification. This ensures that each abstract can be reviewed in a ‘blinded’ process by two reviewers. Include details of all presenting authors in a separate document or in the body of the email text.

Abstract submissions for symposia or workshops must be completed by the symposium or workshop chair on behalf of all presenters. The chair will need to include the details of the session (title and summary) as well as the abstract of each paper that will form part of the session. Each presenter in a workshop or symposia will need paid registration to ensure inclusion in the programme.

Authors who have been accepted to contribute chapters to the ATEA/Springer Book publication, Teacher Education: Innovation, Interventions and Impact, will need to submit an abstract that outlines the form of presentation they will give at the conference using the initial accepted chapter proposals.

Presentation Formats

There will be four types of presentations accepted for presentation at the ATEA 2016 Conference

1. Paper presentation (30 minutes)
2. Poster presentation
3. Symposium presentation (100 minutes)
4. Roundtable presentation (60 minutes)

Paper Presentations

Paper presentations allow the opportunity to present and discuss original research in relation to the conference theme.

Each presenter will be provided with a 30 minute presentation time slot. We suggest planning to use this time in such a way that the audience can engage with the presentation through discussion.

Presenters will need to bring their presentations on a memory stick. You will NOT be able to present from your own laptop, due to the equipment already in place in the lecture theatres and to minimise time delays between presentations. Each presentation room features standard audio-visual equipment, including projection screen, data projector and a Windows-based computer.

Paper presentation proposals should be guided by the following:

- research focus or problem;
- conceptual framework used;
- research methods, including ethics;
- key findings and implications.
Posters

» A Poster allows the presentation of original research in a form that delegates can interact with throughout the conference.
» An allocated time-block will ensure that presenters will be available to discuss their posters (to be displayed in the trade exhibition/catering area).
» Posters are to be portrait and A0 in size (maximum). A0 paper size is 841mm x 1189 mm.

Symposia

» A symposium provides an opportunity for a session focussed on a particular theme or topic.
» Symposia will be 100 minutes and include 3 – 5 contributors. You may wish to have a discussant who will provide a plenary discussion of the ideas presented in each symposium.
» It is the responsibility of the symposium chair to organise the other presenters and to submit all of the presentations as per the template. The chair may divide the 100 minutes as they choose but time should be allocated for opening and closing remarks, presentations, and audience interaction.
» Proposals for symposia should include:
  • A general overview of the focus area of the symposium that is related to the conference theme/ sub-theme.
  • Abstracts for each individual paper.
  • Details of the symposium chair and discussant (if applicable). These are to be included in a separate document so that the symposium proposal can be blind reviewed.

Roundtables

» Roundtables provide an opportunity for individuals/ small group to offer a session that actively engages conference participants in a workshop or advances a deeper understanding of a conference theme.
» Roundtables will be 60 minutes long.
» It is the responsibility of the roundtable chair to organise any presenters and/or resources required for their session. Roundtable organisers may divide the time slot they are allotted as they choose but they should ensure high levels of audience interaction.