Solent Research, Innovation and Enterprise Conference

Making a Difference
Wed 2 & Thu 3 May 2018

Contribution formats

Poster
Posters should be A1 (portrait) with self-explanatory content. Your poster should provide a clear visual representation of your research project, outlining the research question, methodology, results, and conclusion/outputs. If relevant, you may also wish to include next steps or future work that has grown out of the research. Poster authors will be required to informally present their poster during the conference at a scheduled exhibition session (this means standing next to your poster and explaining your research to delegates).

Posters from students and 2017 graduates will be entered into the poster competition, which will be judged during the exhibition session). Download the competition rules.

Guidance on creating a good academic poster is available at: https://guides.nyu.edu/posters

Three Minute Thesis & Two Minute Dissertation

3MT: competition for PhD/MPhil students, judged by an expert panel.
2MD: competition for undergraduate and PGT students, judged by an expert panel.

These short oral presentations are supported by a single slide, and are an excellent opportunity to develop an elevator pitch for your research. The aim is to succinctly explain your research project in a way that is interesting and understandable to a wider audience. A prize will be awarded to the best presentation in both the 3MT and 2MD competitions. Please read the competition rules (below) and ensure your presentation meets the guidelines in order to be in with a chance of winning!

Download the competition rules
If you're not sure where to start, check out this host of examples.

Interactive sessions (15 or 45 minute)
Interactive sessions are an open format designed to provide a space to explore. Previous ideas include presentations with props, hosted conversations, active demos of research equipment, and workshops.

Oral presentations (10 min + 5 min Q&A *or* 20 min + 10 min Q&A)
These longer presentations provide an opportunity to dig deeper into your research project, and are particularly suitable for more complex research questions, joint projects with other researchers, or funded research. Be prepared to answer questions from the audience about your research.

Equipment

Standard equipment provided for oral presentations and interactive sessions includes a pc with a smart screen or projector, and internet access. Contributors will be responsible for supplying, setting up and packing down any extra equipment, and must organise this in advance with the conference co-ordinator (please email rieconference@solent.ac.uk with any questions about this!)

'Mini-Expo'

Outside the main programme we are working with research support professionals and members of the Southern Regional Engagement Consortium, to create a mini-expo on day 2 of the conference (Thu 3 May).

Consortium members will be promoting and explaining public engagement to researchers, students and stakeholders through a variety of table-top displays and related workshops. If you would like to use this opportunity to promote any activities you run to communicate research, please contact email rieconference@solent.ac.uk to find out about opportunities for taking part.