

Lincoln University 2010 Postgraduate Conference

Land: Where Do We Want To Be? *Challenges for the 21st Century*

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / POSTERS

The LU Postgraduate Conference organising committee is requesting abstract submissions from postgraduate students who would like to present their research findings in this year's PG Conference scheduled for **Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September 2010**.

The abstract preferably should be for original ongoing or recently concluded research. This is to ensure that the presentation is in line with LU Postgraduate Conference objectives. These are to:

- Improve awareness of, and showcase, LU PG research to other students, academics and external interests;
- Provide a network or forum that will help enhance the research culture for PGs at LU;
- As appropriate, provide an opportunity for Masters and PhD students to fulfil the results seminar requirements of their degrees;
- Improve the conference presentation skills of PG students; and
- Provide the opportunity for LU PG students to organise a conference for LU students.

Conference theme

Ten years on from the setting of the UN Millennium Development Goals and nearly a year after the Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen, this year's conference theme recognises the strong land-based research undertaken by the University and the important role of such research in meeting the challenges we face this Century.

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The abstract

Abstracts should be submitted by email to hannah.presswood@lincolnuni.ac.nz prior to **30 June 2010** and should be a maximum of 300 words.

Author(s) will be notified of the committee's decision on or after **31 July 2010**.

The presentation

- If your presentation is results based then you will be allocated 15 minutes with 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. Students presenting proposals will be allocated 5 minutes for their presentation with just 2 minutes for questions.
- You will need to be concise (i.e. try not to go over or under your allocated time).
- Synthesise your presentation technical details and reproduce a presentation considerate of different disciplines and audience levels.

Posters

This year, students with posters **already prepared** for other past or upcoming conferences are encouraged to present these posters during break times. If you have a poster you are able to show then please indicate this on the registration form. If you would like to show a poster and give a presentation **please submit a separate registration form for each**.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline	30 June 2010
Notification of acceptance	31 July, 2010
Presenters meeting	26-7 August 2010
Presenters workshop	26-7 August 2010
Presentation submission deadline	27 August, 2010
Conference date	2 & 3 September 2010

Venue

The venue for the conference will be the **Commerce 1** lecture theatre at Lincoln University.

Social events

There will be a social evening held on the first day of the conference, as well as an awards dinner on the final evening. All participants are encouraged to join these and they are both free of charge.

Notes

1. Your abstract *must* be approved by your supervisor(s) prior to submission to the PG conference committee.
2. Please indicate the type of media you intend to use for your presentation e.g. PowerPoint, OHP, sound, slides etc.
3. Please inform us of your preferred emailed address.
4. Take note of the deadline for abstract and presentation submissions to avoid disappointment.
5. It is important to attend the presenter's workshops. They are designed to expose the presenter to preparation of conference slides and presentation skills.
6. A presenters' meeting will be held to familiarise the presenters with the conference expectations, the need for presenter workshops, how the judging will be assessed, and the criteria used to select the winners.
7. The presentation times will be communicated to you in due course. It is important to note that there may be late changes to these times.
8. It is important to avoid other commitments during your scheduled presentation session since presenters should attend the entire session they are in.
9. It will be desirable to attend the entire conference so as to give other presenters an audience.
10. A submission will be taken to be a commitment to completing the presentation
11. You should consult with your supervisor on your intention to give a presentation and on what should be in it.
12. Inform the PG Conference organising committee through the email address provided above if you would prefer your abstract and presentation not to be web mounted if publication elsewhere is being considered.
13. Finally, you can visit the LUSA PG Conference website to view last year's abstracts and presentations.