



SHAPE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2021

14th - 16th July

Shaping the future for health management education and research in a time of flux and uncertainty

Hosted by the SHAPE Executive via Zoom - a link will be provided prior to the symposium

Call for abstracts

We are now accepting abstracts for presentations for the SHAPE International Symposium 2021 hosted via Zoom by the SHAPE Executive.

The SHAPE symposium covers a broad range of topics that contribute collectively to health service leadership and management, education, development, workforce training and research. This symposium in particular explores the challenges and opportunities currently facing health service management services and University programs in the wake of the ongoing disruption from the Covid-19 pandemic. We will also hear from presenters about the broader health service management research they are undertaking currently.

Theme Areas	
1	The impact and implications of Covid-19 on teaching health services management and health services
2	Your research - an opportunity to discuss a range of topics relevant to managing health services and organisations
3	A brave new world - what can SHAPE do to contribute to the development of health management educational and training programs. This will be the focus of the panel session and discussion

Keynote and panel speakers will include leading voices from across the globe in healthcare leadership and management at system and service levels. Delegates are healthcare leaders, managers, academics and educators in all areas of health services with a focus on Australasia and Asia Pacific countries.

Deadline for Abstract submissions: 12 April 2021

Symposium Program Information and Abstract Submission

The program will run differently this year because of the Zoom format. We will have 3 x 4 hour sessions over the 3 days each from 12 noon - 4 pm AEST. The program will, as always, include plenty of opportunity for presentations, keynote speakers, an interactive panel session and breakout group discussions. A session will be allocated to accommodate short presentations from Higher Degree Research students.

The symposium sessions have been scheduled to maximise the opportunity for participants from different time zones to participate and to manage energy levels in the virtual format.

Abstract submission

We invite you to submit abstracts for consideration of a 15-minute oral presentation. The deadline for Abstract submission is April 13th, 2021.

Abstract submission template

All submissions are required to use the Abstract Submission Template attached.

Abstract review and acceptance

Abstracts will be assessed by the Review Committee chaired by Ms Anne Smyth consisting of SHAPE Executive Committee Members. Results will be notified by 3 May 2021.

Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will be encouraged to submit a full paper to the Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management for a Special Symposium Issue. Author guidelines can be found at <https://journal.achsm.org.au/index.php/achsm/about/submissions>

Student abstract submission

SHAPE also invites Higher Degree Research students and other postgraduate students completing a research component or a project as part of their studies to present an aspect of their work. This year the last hour on the 3rd day will be devoted to this with each student given 5 minutes to present, then work in breakout groups according to themes and receive feedback.

An award will be made to the best student presentation.

This provides an opportunity for students to share an aspect of their work about which they would appreciate constructive feedback and advice from experienced researchers, and to foster networking around research projects. Students may be eligible to apply for the Mary Harris Student Bursary.

Dr Mary Harris Student Bursary

SHAPE is offering a Student Bursary of \$500 for the best abstract received from a postgraduate or Higher Degree Research student. To be eligible, you must:

- Be a postgraduate student studying in a health management research or coursework degree in the Asia Pacific, or a PhD student completing research in a health service management related field.
- The program in which you are enrolled must be a financial member of SHAPE.

The winner of the bursary will be notified by 3 May 2021. For further information, please email the President of SHAPE, A/Professor Zhanming Liang: Zhanming.Liang@jcu.edu.au