



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
Call for abstracts close	08 August 2022
Notification of selection outcome	05 September 2022
Written acceptance of offer to present	12 September 2022
Deadline for presenter registration	26 September 2022
Deadline for abstract summary and e-poster artwork	10 October 2022
Aboriginal Health Conference	19-20 November 2022

Rural Health West is seeking abstracts for the 2022 Aboriginal Health Conference to be held in **Fremantle** on the **19 and 20 November 2022**.

The Aboriginal Health Conference 2022 will focus on **healing** from the past and **strengthening** the future. It will provide an opportunity to come together and learn from those who came before us, and reflect on how we can move through the challenges faced in the last two years. By learning from the past, we can strengthen our future.

We are now calling for abstracts for oral presentations and poster presentations under the following streams:

- Mental health
- Sexual health
- Cultural competency in health
- Chronic conditions
- Health across the life stages

While these streams are provided for guidance, abstracts may be applicable across multiple streams and all innovative projects, programs, research and initiatives are encouraged to submit.

Abstracts that align to a conference stream are preferred, but not essential.

Please submit one or more abstracts as:

- **Oral presentations** – 20 minutes
- **E-poster presentations** Electronic posters are presented at the Conference for delegates to view at all breaks in the exhibition area

Preference will be given to presentation and poster abstracts that are **action-oriented, strengths-based and solution-focused**.

Rural Health West encourages submissions from the indigenous health workforce, students, researchers and educators.

Abstract Submission Process

Abstracts will go through the following process:

1. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Committee.
 - a. Acceptance of an abstract will be based on the degree to which the abstract matches the streams of the conference.
 - b. All abstracts will be considered based on the merit of the individual submission and will be assessed according to the following criteria:
 - i. Relevance to conference streams and learning objectives addressed
 - ii. Importance of presentation topic
 - iii. Relevance of content to audience
 - iv. Contemporary or innovative issue
 - c. Abstracts with a clear evidence base will be prioritised.
2. The final date for submission of abstracts is the **08 August 2022**. Any abstracts received after this date will not be accepted.
3. Authors will be notified of their abstract results by **5 September 2022**.
4. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program and on the conference website.
5. Rural Health West requires written confirmation of the presentation offer by **12 September 2022**.
6. Presenters must have registered to attend the conference by **26 September 2022**. Payment of conference registration is a condition of presenting at the conference. Conference registrations will open mid-July.
7. Please note that presenters are responsible for their own travel to and from the conference. [Travel and accommodation information](#).

Abstract Submission Guidelines

1. All abstracts must be:
 - a. structured providing an outline of the aim/s and content of the presentation.
 - b. no more than 300 words long.
 - c. completed in full, including a biography of each presenting author(s)
 - d. submitted electronically via the [abstract portal](#)
 - e. submitted by 5pm Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) on **08 August 2022**. Abstracts received after this date will NOT be accepted.
 - f. presented by the specified presenting author(s) except in an emergency, such as illness, where an alternative speaker can be nominated. The first author (as given on the abstract submission form) will be the main contact for any correspondence.
2. Accepted oral presentations will be 20 minutes (including questions).
3. Accepted e-poster presentations will be displayed during the conference.
4. The Conference Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any paper.
5. The acceptance of an abstract does not imply funding by Rural Health West.
6. Successful applicants will be notified by 5 September 2022 and will have until 12 September 2022 to provide written acceptance of offer and 26 September 2022 to register for the conference.

Conditions

- Abstracts, oral presentations and posters must not contain any kind of advertising. Individuals and organisations wishing to advertise at the conference should contact the Conference Organisers – Rural Health West 08 6389 4500 or email ahc@ruralhealthwest.com.au
- Abstracts must be the author's own work.
- The invitation to submit an abstract does not constitute an offer to pay travel, accommodation or registration costs associated with the Conference. Similarly, no speaker fee is paid to successful presenters. All speakers must register for the conference.
- The Conference Committee reserves the right to allocate abstracts into sessions as they see fit in accordance with the overall program objectives.
- Abstracts that do not include sufficient data may be rejected.

Abstract enquiries

For all abstract enquiries or if you have not received notification of your abstract results by 5 September 2022, please contact the Education and Skills Development team on ahc@ruralhealthwest.com.au or 6389 4500.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and meeting you in Fremantle for the 2022 Aboriginal Health Conference.

