ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The Evidence and Implementation Summit 2020 (EIS) will bring together experts from across the world to talk about their experiences in generating and implementing evidence for better policy and practice.

We anticipate more than 500 local and global policy makers, practitioners, organisational leaders, researchers, implementation scientists, intermediaries and funders will attend, and build upon the success of previous conferences in advancing the evidence and implementation movement. Expect to come away with new perspectives, contacts and tools with which to approach your research policy and practice challenges.

The overall Summit theme is:

Bringing together evidence, implementation, policy, and politics: Towards a better future for all

We invite submissions from a broad range of sectors: child and social welfare, education, humanitarian aid, crime and justice, international development, environment and climate change, early childhood, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community services, health and human services, mental health services.

Abstracts may only be submitted online www.eisummit.org via the abstract submission page and **MUST** use the supplied template. If you have any problems, please email the Event Organiser eis@abercrombiemanagement.com.au

A call for abstracts is open (closing 26 April 2020) for presentations focusing on the five Summit themes:

Summit themes:

1. Fast, good and cheap - choose two! Generating and implementing rigorous policy and practice-ready evidence.
2. Context counts: translation, adaptation, and transportability of evidence across people, place, culture and systems.
3. Core competencies for evidence synthesis, translation and implementation practice and science.
4. Innovation in implementation science, evaluation design, evidence synthesis, scaling up.
5. Building a better future: Systems change for complex problems such as poverty, inequality, climate change, mass migration.

KEY DATES

Abstract submissions close	26 April 2020
Notification distribution	15 June 2020
Speaker acceptance due	30 June 2020
Date speakers are required to register	31 July 2020

PRESENTATION OPTIONS

Oral presentation with PowerPoint (optional): an opportunity for you to deliver a 20-minute presentation to participants during a concurrent session. Please note that each presenter will be limited to only one concurrent oral session in the program.

Panel presentation: an opportunity for your group to deliver a 90-minute interactive panel presentation to engage with participants during a concurrent session. Please note that a facilitator must be identified and will be responsible for the coordination of the group. We suggest that the number of panelists be limited to a maximum of 4.

Poster: an opportunity for you to present your poster to participants during a hosted poster viewing session. Posters will be on display for the duration of the summit.

Note: *We encourage proposals for presentations that use non-traditional formats, such as chat shows (without PowerPoints), fishbowl conversations, and other formats allowing greater audience engagement.*

PRESENTATION CONSENT

As part of your submission, you will be asked whether you:
- Consent to your abstract being made available on the Summit website during and after the event; and
- Consent to your session being recorded and made available on the Summit website after the event; and
- Consent to a copy of your PowerPoint presentation being made available on the Summit website after the event.

ABSTRACT SELECTION CRITERIA

All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by specialists in the fields of evidence synthesis and implementation science research. Although authors must indicate their preferred form (oral/panel/poster), the type of presentation offered is at the discretion of the abstract review committee.

The decision of the committee is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding this final decision.

Selection criteria will include:

- Does the abstract describe a project that utilises rigorous methods or design? Are the methods/approach clearly described?
- Does the abstract address the Summit theme/s?
- Does the abstract outline key questions/issues/challenges to be addressed?
- Does the abstract have relevance and utility?
- How novel, original or innovative is the work presented in the abstract?
- Do you judge the abstract to be of high quality?

SUMMIT THEMES

Key Theme:
Bringing together evidence, implementation, policy, and politics: Towards a better future for all

Improving outcomes across communities is best achieved through the use of high-quality evidence that is implemented well. In order to achieve this, systems, policy and political environments need to be hospitable to evidence informed approaches and what it takes to achieve effective and sustainable implementation in the real world. At EIS 2020, we will explore the intersections of evidence, implementation science, policy and politics and how we can bring these sectors together to realise a better future for all.

Sub-theme 1:
Fast, good and cheap - choose two! Generating and implementing rigorous policy and practice-ready evidence.

The trade-off between time, cost and quality is a challenge faced by grant-makers, funders, and those who generate and support the implementation of evidence. This Summit theme explores the challenge of accessing and implementing timely, high quality evidence and innovative approaches that aim to deliver evidence to the people who need to use it - faster.

Sub-theme 2:

Context counts: translation, adaptation, and transportability of evidence across people, place, culture and systems.

For evidence to be effective, it needs to be portable across contexts and adaptable to systems and culture. This Summit theme explores the importance of context, how evidence-informed solutions can be both rigorous and flexible, and how implementation science can help achieve this in real-world settings.

Sub-theme 3:

Core competencies for evidence synthesis, translation and implementation practice and science

This Summit theme explores the core competencies required for effective synthesis, translation and implementation of evidence and how we can better equip the evidence and implementation workforce into the future.

Sub-theme 4:

Innovation in implementation science, evaluation design, evidence synthesis, scaling up

Innovation in the way evidence is utilised and implemented requires innovation in the way it is designed, synthesised, implemented, researched, evaluated and scaled. This Summit theme explores new and emerging methodologies and approaches that assist with advancing the generation, implementation, and use of evidence.

Sub-theme 5: Building a better future: Systems change for complex problems such as poverty, inequality, climate change, mass migration.

This Summit theme explores the role of evidence and implementation science, alongside politics and policy, to move towards systems-level change for addressing the complex problems we will face into the future. How can investment in evidence and implementation contribute towards building a better future? How can evidence and implementation science drive the systems change that is required to address these complex global issues?