HDR CONFERENCE 2018

BRIEF FEEDBACK REPORT
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To our attendees and presenters:

On behalf of the Deakin University Health Research Students (DUHRS) 2018 committee, we would like to thank each of you for attending the conference and for contributing through your valued feedback.

We thoroughly enjoyed hosting you and sincerely hope that the conference reached its aim in providing Faculty of Health HDR students with an event with your needs, aspirations, and experiences in mind. The theme of this year’s conference was “What’s next: Thinking to the future and beyond” and each aspect of the conference was created with this theme in mind.

On a more specific level, the conference aimed to provide each of you with the opportunity to present your current research work, network with students and staff across the Faculty, and to attend workshops relevant to your future goals as HDR students. We are proud to say that, based on the feedback provided, the 2018 DUHRS Conference was a resounding success in achieving this aim!

As a thank you for your attendance, we have developed this brief feedback report to provide a snapshot of attendees’ experience and overall satisfaction with various aspects of the conference. This brief feedback will be accompanied by a more in-depth report document in the early months of the new year.

We hope you find this preliminary feedback informative. Please let us know if you have any questions or additional comments. We wish you all the best for the remainder of 2018 and for the coming new year!

Thank you for attending!

With warm wishes,

Sasha Davies and Simone Verswijveren (Co-Chairs)
On behalf of the Deakin University Health Research Students (DUHRS) Committee
2018
Overall satisfaction

Of attendees reported feeling "very dissatisfied" with any aspect of the conference!
What was your main reason for attending this conference?

Approximately one-third of attendees’ primary reason for attending the conference was for the workshops.

Other key reasons for attending included the opportunity for students to present their work and to network with colleagues, peers, and industry professionals.

What was the most valuable part of this conference for you?

Attendees found the most valuable aspect of the conference to be the workshops (42%).

The networking, presentation opportunities, and keynote speaker were also viewed to be valuable components of the conference.
How useful did you find the oral and poster presenters, the panel members, and the keynote speaker?

The 'usefulness' rating of the various presenters and speakers at the conference was more varied, but still overwhelmingly positive.

There also seemed to be a dip in attendance towards the end of the day when the panel members were speaking, as noted by the increase in 'Did not attend' responses.
Workshops

We asked conference attendees "What workshops would you like to see next time"?

I thought the workshops this year were great, but maybe one on maintaining productivity - particularly when you receive journal rejections or have lots of competing demands.

The same ones! I wanted to attend them all!

Similar ones that also consider the pathways for professional doctoral students.

Health and wellbeing:
- Time management
- Managing stress
- Self-care for HDR students

In the future, I think a workshop on presentation skills could be valuable.

Working with the media and tips on selling yourself and your research skills.

Translating research - social media and research.