

ANU Student Research Conference (SRC)

Student Co-Design Committee



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Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in the ANU Student Research Conference Student Co-Design Committee! As a Student Research Conference team member, you will join the wider [ANU Engagement and Success](#) team, who also runs programs including [ANU+](#), [ANU Thrive](#), [Set4ANU Mentoring](#), [Faces of ANU](#), [First Year Experience](#) and [STOMP Mentoring](#). Our team also hosted [the 2021 Australasian Conference of Undergraduate Research \(ACUR@ANU\)](#) and coordinates the [Clinton Global Initiative University \(CGI U\)](#) program for ANU students, [Orientation Week](#) and the [arrival pathway for returning international students](#). Each of our program coordinators work alongside student volunteers and leaders in different ways, with a shared focus on holistically supporting your personal, professional and academic development at every step of the way.

The breadth and depth of our team's work means that as a SRC Co-Design Committee member you will have the opportunity to access a wide range of professional development and training opportunities, network with students and staff from across the Engagement and Success team and access a range of formal and informal support.

This booklet is designed to help you learn more about the SRC Student Co-Design Committee and decide if this opportunity is right for you.

Key dates	
Committee applications open	Thursday 10 March
Committee applications close	Thursday 31 March 2022
First committee meeting	Week beginning 11 April 2022
2022 ANU Student Research Conference	Wednesday 14 September- Friday 16 September 2022
Committee concludes	Mid-October 2022

About the ANU Student Research Conference

About the conference

The ANU Student Research Conference (SRC) is the Australian National University's undergraduate, honours and masters by coursework conference. SRC is an annual event and is a proudly multidisciplinary conference open to students from all academic disciplines.

Since 2013, the conference has welcomed hundreds of students from across the University and has recently expanded into a three-day format due to unprecedented student interest and involvement. SRC typically includes:

- A wide range of **student presentations** judged by academic staff members and attended by students and supporters.
- A range of **keynote speeches, panel events, networking events** and **workshops** for student attendees.
- A range of **prizes** which recognise the achievements of students at the conference.

Student Development

Students at all stages of their undergraduate, honours or Masters by coursework degree are invited to apply to present at the conference by submitting an abstract. In addition to a supportive application pathway, SRC provides students with a platform to present research completed as part of their coursework at University. Students are also supported to develop skills to successfully communicate their research to a multidisciplinary audience with impact. In previous years, development opportunities have included pre-conference information sessions, abstract writing workshops and presentation skills workshops.

“...the event itself...was well formatted and felt like a supportive space.

It was fantastic experience to prepare me to present at more conference[s] in the future.”

– 2021 ACUR@ANU STUDENT PRESENTER

In addition to the development offered to student presenters, the ANU Student Research Conference also facilitates students' personal and professional development through the Co-Design Committee. Committee members will gain experience working as part of a student committee and will benefit from a development program that provides tangible skills which are transferable to future projects and employment.

It was the largest ever ACUR conference and our Student Volunteer Committee was central to the success of the event.

Continuous improvement and growth

In recent years, the Student Research Conference has grown significantly as a result of actively listening to and acting on the input, advice and feedback of students. The ANU Student Research Conference organising staff centralise the voice of students in planning, development and evaluation. One key example of how students directly shape the conference is the Student Volunteer Committee: a professional and personal development opportunity in which students are supported by staff to develop a conference experience designed by students, for students. The result is a research conference which reflects the perspectives, input and creativity of students in its fundamental design and execution.

The recent growth of the ANU Student Research Conference culminated in our hosting of the 2021 the Australasian Conference of Undergraduate Research (ACUR@ANU). This conference welcomed 143 student presenters from around the world over three days. The Conference attracted sponsorship from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the John Curtin School of Medical Research and the ANU Gender Institute, and provided ANU undergraduate and honours students with an unparalleled opportunity to present, network and gain recognition for their research on an international stage. It was the largest ever ACUR conference and the first ever online ACUR conference-- and our Student Volunteer Committee was central to the design, execution and overall success of the event.

In 2022, we're looking forward to providing additional development opportunities for student volunteers and presenters, and to working more closely with students in the development and delivery of the ANU Student Research Conference.

Your journey

You can see a visual representation of what your journey might look like on page 7.

The committee will work together for **27 weeks from April to October 2022** to design a series of 'solutions' for implementation in this year's ANU Student Research Conference. Depending on your role, the solution that you contribute to developing could be a conference event, a social media campaign or a series of graphic designs to communicate the SRC experience- it all depends on where the journey takes you! Along the way, there will be opportunities for skill development and training, and the program will conclude with recognition of your contributions and achievements.

While your role as a committee member is to design and deliver a portion of the 2022 ANU Student Research Conference, we believe the journey to this outcome should be **meaningful, supportive** and **holistic**, and should provide you with **transferable skills** that support your career and study ambitions.

Professional and personal development opportunities



You will be provided with a range of training and development opportunities to support you in your role and to build skills for possible future employment and study. Previous opportunities have included training in **Clifton Strengths, stakeholder and event management, ANU Brand Standards and leadership and values**. You will also be provided with a complimentary **12 month LinkedIn Learning** account, and a comprehensive professional reference at the end of the program outlining your training, commitment and achievements. Additionally, you can invite SRC staff to act as a professional referee during your role and within the 12 months after your role concludes.

Practical, interactive, collaborative



Instead of traditional meetings, the committee program is based around practical, interactive, collaborative workshops tailored to your preferred learning techniques. As a result, you can benefit from this program in a way that aligns with your skills, experience and ambitions. Each workshop is based around specific outcomes which support you to reflect on and articulate your committee experience in future study, volunteering and employment applications.

Support every step of the way



While your contributions to the team are driven by your ideas and input, ANU staff will support you throughout the program. In addition to providing the tools, resources and space to ideate and develop solutions, we are available for a chat, and can connect you with a wide range of services at and beyond ANU.



Your feedback matters

You will also contribute to the continuous improvement and growth of the conference by participating in a range of informal feedback opportunities- from sticker dot voting at the end of a workshop, to online surveys and evaluations. All data collected is confidential and used exclusively for the purposes of improving the ANU Student Research Conference, and it is an expectation that committee members will participate in these activities except where it is not possible or practical for a student to do so.

“...it’s...an amazing opportunity to develop critical employable skills. You get so much out of this experience. It’s a supportive environment and the appreciation you receive really makes you want to go an extra mile. ”

— 2021 STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Attend an interview.



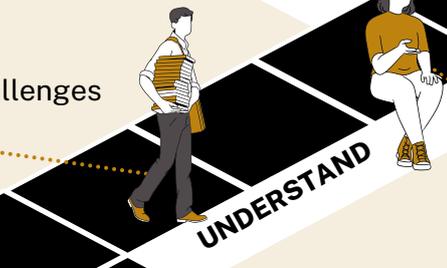
Learn about the program and submit your application.

Complete facilitated personal strengths training.



Write your personal blurb for the conference website.

Work as a team to identify students' needs, wishes and challenges relevant to engaging in SRC.



Develop a team approach to design and conduct.

Work collaboratively to map motivations and barriers to engagement with SRC.



Collaboratively conceptualise how desired results can be scaled according to time and resource limitations.



Collaboratively define project success.

Work individually and as a team to develop solutions.



Understand the desirability, feasibility and usability of solutions developed.

Implement your solution(s) at the 2022 ANU Student Research Conference.



Collaboratively develop and implement metrics for measuring success.

As a team, reflect on the environmental, accelerating and inhibitory factors throughout the project.



Be recognised for your achievements!

Choose a role that suits your skills and ambitions

“you...will carry out stimulating and challenging tasks that will improve your confidence in roles for the future.”

– 2021 STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Within the committee, **three roles are available** and **multiple students will be recruited for each role.**

As a committee member, you will participate in a design thinking process facilitated by staff where you will **understand, observe, ideate, prototype, test and reflect** (see page 10) between April and October 2022. This process will empower you to contribute to the development of an initiative (or 'solution') which will be implemented in the 2022 Student Research Conference. The solution that you develop depends on your role and your findings as you participate in the process. Examples of possible solutions are provided next to each role title below.

We encourage you to apply for the role(s) that **align with your talents and passions** as well as the **skills and experience you want to develop.** You do not need any prior experience to apply for a role(s), however prior experience is generally highly regarded. You are welcome to apply for more than one role, and if successful you will be recruited into a maximum of one role.

Program Designer



Program designers will develop a solution to engage and support the skill development of 2022 student conference participants. Past solutions developed by students in this role have included interdisciplinary panel events, keynote speeches and workshops run during the conference. You can access information about these previous events in the 2020 and 2021 conference programs.

The role is especially suited to students with a passion for advancing undergraduate and/or Masters (coursework) research, as it provides an opportunity to directly support and advance undergraduate research at ANU through the event(s) you will deliver.

Social Media Designer



In this role, you will design a solution to increase the presence of, interest in and engagement with the conference on social media. Previously, students in this role have designed solutions such as campaigns to generate student interest, promotion strategies and event marketing. Students have worked directly with the official conference Facebook page to bring these solutions to life.

Demonstrable experience with social media marketing/campaigns is highly regarded, but not required to apply for this role.

Graphic Designer



In this role, you will be responsible for developing a visual solution to generate interest and engagement in conference. Previous students in this role have developed solutions such as social media posts, posters, flyers and the conference program with guidance from staff. Additionally, graphic designers typically work closely with the program and social media designers to provide graphic design support for their solutions.

Demonstrable experience with graphic design software such as Adobe InDesign is highly regarded, but not required to apply for this role.

“I developed many new skills through the professional development training sessions and in my role, and with the support of the committee it was overall a great experience.”

– 2021 STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

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Co-design team timeline

