

9th Biennial International Indigenous Research Conference 2020

Call for Abstracts

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract for the online 9th International Indigenous Research Conference – IIRC20. It is our honour to enable and host the first online IIRC to create an international stage for engagement, sharing and future shaping of ‘globally’ relevant Indigenous-led research.

The overarching theme of this 9th biennial conference is “**A Gathering of Indigenous Minds**”. Three days will be devoted entirely to our online gathering, enabling us to reach more national and international audiences than ever before.

We invite Indigenous researchers around the world to submit abstracts for consideration for inclusion in IIRC. Research will be shared via pre-recorded video presentations available for registered attendees to view prior and during the conference, accompanied with Live Online Discussion Sessions held during the conference dates.

NPM’s vision is of Māori leading New Zealand into the future. Therefore, NPM has committed to an online programme that is led and designed by Māori, and critically, ensuring that Māori are engaged in research and decision-making in all disciplines and across all sectors. NPM recognises that excellent national and international Indigenous scholarship and vocation are essential to making significant contributions towards positive engagement for Māori aspirations here in Aotearoa-New Zealand, but equally for other Indigenous/traditional communities seeking solutions to major challenges they face in their local contexts and shared global setting.

Abstract Submissions **Open** Friday 24 July 2020

Abstract Submission **Deadline** Friday 21 August 2020, 11:59pm GMT

Abstracts for IIRC20 must **be submitted online** through the Submission Portal using the *abstract template* before the abstract submission deadline. You will need to create an account in the Submission Portal before submitting an abstract proposal.

[Click Here for Submission Portal](#)

Abstract Submission and Registration Process

All accepted abstracts will require a pre-recorded video/powerpoint presentation that will be made available prior to the official start of the conference. This will accompany the Live Online Discussion Sessions held during the conference dates.

Please read the Abstract Submission and Registration Process instructions carefully for details on submitting and preparing abstracts. Only abstracts that meet completeness checks will be considered.

The IIRC conferences empower Indigenous research, Indigenous researchers and Indigenous communities. Therefore, the IIRC20 Organising and Abstract Committee have decided that the voice of the Indigenous researcher and/or community must be present when delivering the research. Joint presentations (a mixture of Indigenous and non-Indigenous presenters) is a common example that the Abstract Committee encourages. Investigators who are submitting abstracts will need to indicate clearly their and/or their co-presenters' Indigenous heritage in the space provided in the abstract submission template. Submissions received that are not clearly Indigenous led will not be considered.

ALL abstract submissions should be in reference to work currently underway or completed within the last 12 months and submissions need to be clearly aligned with the IIRC20 [Conference Themes](#).

The IIRC20 Committee would like to reinforce our expectations regarding presenting data in multiple presentations. Where investigators are submitting more than one abstract from a single body of research, the data and findings described in each abstract needs to be discernably different. If the Abstract Committee is not clear or unable to demarcate differences between abstracts submitted from one body of research, they have been instructed to accept only one abstract, assuming that the abstract fulfils the minimum requirements for acceptance.

All abstract submissions **must be completed online** by the closing deadline Friday 21 August 2020, 11:59pm GMT. Please use the online [abstract template](#) for consistency as they will be published as submitted in the conference programme and on the website.

Part a. Abstract Submission Process

1. Create an account in the Submission Portal and upload your written abstract, along with your bio and photo. You will receive a confirmation email confirming your submission.
2. Download the [abstract template](#) from the abstract submission portal.
[Click Here for Abstract Submission Portal](#)
3. Due date Friday 21 August 2020, 11:59pm GMT.
4. All submitted abstracts will be notified of the outcome in email by 11 September 2020.
5. If you do not have an abstract accepted, we still encourage you to register for the conference and participate by joining the dedicated live online discussion sessions.
6. All presenters with accepted abstracts must then submit a pre-recorded 10 minute video by 09 October 2020.
7. When you submit an abstract, you are making a professional commitment to participate online in the conference if your abstract is accepted.
8. Presenters must also register to attend IIRC20 by 12 October 2020.
9. Presenters are expected to be considerate and send their pre-recorded presentation on time. Detailed instructions and examples will be provided to presenters of accepted abstracts. If a presenter who has

had their abstract accepted, but due to unforeseen circumstances, is not able to pre-record a presentation by the deadline, please contact the conference organisers by email iirc20@auckland.ac.nz as soon as possible.

10. **Please note** that extensions will not be granted if pre-recorded videos are not received by the deadline.
11. **Presenters must be online and ready to discuss their research during their allocated session in the IIRC conference programme.**

Part b. Pre-recorded presentation

1. Upon receiving an email that your abstract is accepted, create your pre-recorded 10 minute presentation video and upload it online. Specific instructions and tips on how to make a quality recording will be sent with the acceptance email.
2. Presenters will choose to record themselves presenting using platforms such as zoom. Video style is up to you. Your pre-recorded video will be added to IIRC20's online video programme.
3. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a presenter who has had their abstract accepted is not able to pre-record a presentation by the deadline, please contact the conference organisers by email iirc20@auckland.ac.nz as soon as possible.
4. All of the pre-recorded presentations can be viewed anytime and will be made available online before the conference officially begins. Detailed instructions and examples will be provided to all successful presenters.
5. We request that presenters adhere to deadlines for submitting pre-recorded presentations. Extensions **will not** be granted if pre-recorded videos are not received by the deadline.

Part c. Live Online Discussion Sessions held during the conference dates

1. Online Discussion Sessions are live. Three presenters per session will engage about their research with a session Chair.
2. A session Chair will be assigned to introduce each presenter, to moderate Q&A and Chat functions.
3. Attendees are expected to come prepared to every Live Online Discussion Session, having already viewed the pre-recorded presentations which will be made available for viewing at least 1 week prior to the Conference start date.
4. Live Online Discussion Sessions are no more than 45 minutes long. The aim of these sessions is to engage the audience, to create interest, seek feedback and encourage further enquiry.

Chairs

If you are willing to Chair a session, please indicate this when you submit your abstract. If additional Chairs are required, the IIRC20 Abstract Committee will be asking for volunteers.

With Live Online Discussion Sessions, a Chair plays an important role and will require a full online briefing to ensure they are comfortable with the online system, including moderating the chat and Q&A functions.

Abstract Evaluation Criteria

All abstract submissions will be reviewed, based on the following criteria:

- relevance to the themes of the 9th IIRC20
- originality and degree of engagement to the 9th IIRC20
- relevance and applicability to the audience
- compliance with the *Abstract Template* - word count and format requirements and process details provided (refer Parts a – c)
- Indigenous participation in the presentation is clearly described

All submissions will receive an email confirming the outcome of their proposal. All of these criteria are key considerations in the acceptance of all submissions. We reserve the right to discuss your submission with you as part of the process of assembling the programme.

IIRC20 Conference Themes

The overarching theme of this 9th biennial conference is “**A Gathering of Indigenous Minds**”. All speakers and activities will explore ideas of this conference theme anchored within these conference sub-themes:

- ***Mahi Auaha – Creative Indigenous Innovation, Arts & Performance*** Celebration and development of further Indigenous arts, performance, literature and technology to support Indigenous aspirations for positive engagement in our communities and enhanced excellence in Indigenous scholarship. Novel approaches, narratives, tools and methods for transforming outcomes for Indigenous peoples and celebrating Indigenous innovation.
- ***Mauri Ora – Indigenous Human Flourishing*** Strengthened social, health and community knowledges and practices that mitigate harm, nourish health and wellbeing and enhance flourishing Indigenous families and communities. Further development of Indigenous ethical foundations and strategies for positive, interconnected and enduring relationships.
- ***Whai Rawa – Prosperous Indigenous Economies*** Development of theories, models and tools that add value and enhance positive economic and development outcomes for diverse Indigenous businesses, enterprises and communities. Creation of new understandings and approaches for effective governance of resources that grow the economies of Indigenous communities while celebrating Indigenous cultural knowledges, practices and values.
- ***Te Reo Tāketake me Ngā Tikanga Tāketake – Thriving Indigenous languages and cultures*** Increased revitalisation and normalisation of Indigenous languages, customs and values within research settings, communities and society. Further development of research-based revival and recovery tools and solutions for engagement, use and transmission of Indigenous languages and cultures.
- ***Te Tai Ao – Healthy Natural Environments*** Increased evidence to ensure coasts, waters, atmospheric environments, forests and lands are healthy and thriving ecosystems providing a sustainable basis for Indigenous aspirations. Greater solutions for Indigenous peoples to respond to environmental challenges at local, regional, national and global levels.

Important Dates

Friday 24 July 2020	Abstract Submissions Open
Friday 10 July 2020	Earlybird Registration Opens
Friday 21 August 2020	Abstract submissions close
Friday 11 September 2020	Presenters will be notified
Friday 09 October 2020	Pre-recorded videos submitted online
Monday 12 October 2020	Earlybird Conference Registration closes
Monday 12 October 2020	All presenters will need to have registered for the conference to guarantee a place in the programme.
Wednesday 18 November 2020	IIRC20 Online begins
Friday 20 November 2020	IIRC20 Online closes