University of Surrey 2016 Postgraduate Research Conference

Key Information

Deadline for submission: 18th January 2016
Venue: Lecture Theatre Block and Hillside Restaurant at the University of Surrey

Dates: 13 and 14 April, 2016

Abstract Review Criteria

All abstracts submitted will be reviewed by two independent peer reviewers, one from the same faculty as the applicant and the other from a different faculty.

All abstracts for any format will be reviewed in accordance with the following criteria:

- Does the title accurately convey the contents of the abstract?
- Is the abstract written clearly?
- Does the abstract contain innovative ideas?
- Does the abstract show relevance to other disciplines?
- Is the abstract understandable to a general academic audience?

The PGR Conference sessions

1. Oral Presentations / Academic Papers
   Presentations must be a maximum of 10 minutes long and will be followed by 5 minutes of questions and discussion. Normal audiovisual facilities will be available.

2. Poster Presentations
   Posters must be printed in either portrait orientation no larger than A1 size or in landscape orientation no larger than A0 size. Presenters will present their research with posters and will have opportunity to discuss it with judges and other postgraduate students.

3. Panel Discussions
   Prospective panels should consist of between 25 participants, who will participate in a discussion on an area of research of their choice for a maximum of 30 minutes. Panelists may suggest a person to chair their panel. If no chair is suggested, we will attempt to find a suitable chair.

4. Practice-led Arts Research Presentations
   Practice-led research students in any area of creative arts (e.g. Film, Dance, Music Composition, and Creative Writing) are encouraged to perform or present their research. Performances or presentations must last no longer than 15 minutes, and will be followed by 5 minutes’ discussion.

Note: stereo amplification and visual projection facilities are available but applicants are asked to inform the PGR Conference Committee of any technical requirements.
The 3-Minute Thesis Competition

Five participants will present their PhD thesis in 3 minutes or less to a panel composed of academic and non-academic judges. The presentations should be suitable to a general audience and comprehensible even to nonacademics. The 3-Minute Thesis Competition will be held in the evening of Wednesday, 13 April in the Griffiths Lecture Theatre. The winner of our 3-Minute Thesis Competition will go on to the regional stage of the 3MT Competition.

For any general queries about the conference, please contact us by email:

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