

## IAHA 2024 National Conference Abstract Guidelines

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...	
Call for abstracts open	25 March 2024
Call for abstracts closes	31 May 2024
Notification of selection outcomes	28 June 2024
Written acceptance of offer to present	19 July 2024
Deadline for presenter registration	27 September 2024
Deadline for poster submission for printing	27 September 2024

IAHA are seeking abstracts for the 2024 IAHA National Conference to be held at the **Adelaide Convention Centre, Tarntanya (Adelaide)**.

The conference theme, **Honouring our Past and Present to Empower our Futures**, recognises the contribution that members, communities and organisations have made, and continue to make, to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and First Nations communities internationally, including:

- building culturally responsive connections, partnerships and relationships;
- valuing cultures and diversity, respecting cultural ways of knowing, being and doing, and embedding the cultural determinants of health;
- contributing to the development of culturally safe and responsive practice within an allied health and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander/First Nations health context;
- strengths based solutions led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations peoples and communities to improve access to (allied) health services and education, training, and employment; and
- community-led, translational allied health and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations health research.

We are now calling for abstracts for concurrent oral presentations, workshops, and poster presentations under the following streams as they relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations allied health and wellness.

- **Care** – projects, programs, research, and initiatives that focus on allied health service delivery, community development and responsive practice.

- **Cultures** –projects, programs, research and initiatives that embed Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and international First Nations cultures, knowledges and perspectives and/or address cultural determinants.
- **Connection** –projects, programs, research and initiatives that are focused on team work, collaboration and interdisciplinary approaches to improve health and wellbeing, and which support connection to culture, community and interprofessional care.
- **Collaboration** –projects, programs, research and initiatives that demonstrate collaboration between organisations and sectors, which may include governments, that exemplify Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and First Nations community leadership and self-determination in partnership.

While IAHA provides these streams for guidance, abstracts may be applicable across multiple streams and all innovative projects, programs, research and initiatives are encouraged to submit.

IAHA is looking for:

- Interesting and thought-provoking **20-minute or shorter oral presentations** (concurrent sessions)
- An extended more comprehensive **30-minute oral presentation**
- Interactive **90 minute workshops** that provide opportunities to strengthen skills, knowledge and behaviour for a multidisciplinary workforce; and
- Student **poster presentations** for students wishing to gain valuable experience and to present their research and/or projects in a safe environment.

Presentation, workshops, and poster presentations that are **action-oriented, strengths-based and solution-focused led by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people or international First Nations groups** will be given preference.

**All abstracts, workshops and poster presentations must have an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presenter or co-presenter, or in the case of international submissions a First Nations presenter or co-presenter, who is leading or meaningfully partnering on the project, research, activity, or initiative to be considered.**

IAHA provide a culturally responsive environment to share knowledge and encourages submissions from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce and students, researchers and educators, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community workers.

All abstracts will be peer reviewed by the IAHA Conference Committee in accordance with the process described herein.

### Abstract Submission Guidelines:

1. All abstracts must be:
  - a) structured providing an outline of the aim/s and content of the presentation/workshop. Additionally, workshop abstracts should articulate clear learning objectives.
  - b) no more than 300 words long.
  - c) completed in full, including a biography of each presenting author. Photos are required and can be submitted on registration.
  - d) at least one of the presenters **must** be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander/First Nations that is leading or partnering on the project, research, activity or initiative to be considered.
  - e) submitted electronically via the [abstract portal](#)
  - f) submitted by 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on **31 May 2024**
  - g) Abstracts received after this date will NOT be accepted.
  - h) presented by the specified presenting author(s) except in an emergency, such as illness, where an alternative speaker can be nominated. The first author (as given on the abstract submission form) will be the main contact for any correspondence.
2. Accepted oral presentations will be 20 minutes (including questions).
3. Accepted workshops will be 90 minutes.
4. Accepted poster presentations must be electronically submitted for printing in an A1 format (portrait or landscape) by 27 September 2024
5. Accepted poster presentations will be displayed during the Conference.
6. The IAHA Conference Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any paper.
7. The acceptance of an abstract does not imply funding by IAHA.
8. Successful applicants will be notified by 28 June 2024 and will have until 19 July 2024 to provide written acceptance of offer and 27 September 2024 to register at the speakers' registration rate.

## Abstract Submission Process

Abstracts will go through the following process:

1. Abstracts will be assessed by the IAHA Secretariat for eligibility, including the presence of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or First Nations presenter.
2. All eligible abstracts will be reviewed by the IAHA Conference Committee.
  - a. Acceptance of an abstract will be based on the degree to which the abstract matches the streams of the conference and the overall conference theme – **Honouring our Past and Present to Empower our Futures.**
  - b. All abstracts will be considered based on the merit of the individual submission and will be assessed according to the following criteria:
    - i. Relevance to conference streams and learning objectives addressed
    - ii. Importance of presentation topic Relevance of content to audience
    - iii. Contemporary or innovative issue
  - c. Abstracts submitted by Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and First Nations presenters will be prioritised.
  - d. Abstracts with a clear evidence base will be prioritised.
3. The final date for submission of abstracts is the **31 May 2024**. Any abstracts received after this date will not be accepted.
4. Authors will be notified of their abstract results by **28 June 2024**.
5. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference app.
6. IAHA requires written confirmation of successful applicants' acceptance of the presentation offer by **19 July 2024**.
7. Presenters must have registered to attend the conference by **27 September 2024**. Payment of reduced rate speaker registration is a condition of presenting at the conference. Please register on the website to obtain the speaker rate available by **27 September 2024**.
8. Please note that presenters are responsible for their own travel to and from the conference. IAHA secretariat staff will be available for assistance and recommendations when booking flights and accommodation.

### **Conflict of Interest**

The IAHA Conference Committee requests that those submitting an abstract disclose any potential conflict of interest regarding their presentation within the abstract submission form. A potential conflict of interest may arise from a variety of relationships including employment, consultancy, investments, funding for research, family relationships and so on.

If deemed necessary, the conflict-of-interest declaration will be included in the published abstract, to ensure conference delegates are aware of potential objectivity issues of the presentation. Declaration of interests will allow the IAHA Conference Committee to take potential conflicts of interest into account when assessing the submission.

### **Abstract enquiries**

For all abstract enquiries or you have not received notification of your abstract results by COB 28 June 2024, please contact Amanda Johnstone, Event Manager, at [amanda@iaha.com.au](mailto:amanda@iaha.com.au) or +61 2 6285 1010.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and meeting you in Tarntanya (Adelaide) for our 9<sup>th</sup> National Conference.