

Research Students Summer Conference 2022

FAQs

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1. General Information about the Conference

When is RSSC2022 and will it be on-campus?

RSSC2022 will be on 22 and 23 of June 2022; the first day it will take place online (via Zoom) and the second will be on our Middlesex University Hendon Campus. You can find out more in [our page in Unihub](#) and our [RSSC website](#).

How can I participate?

You can participate by presenting your research, up to the point that you have reached. Participation on the day can be most commonly an oral presentation or a poster presentation, alternatively a screening or performance. This depends on your preference and the nature of your research. For all modes of presentation at the Conference, you need to submit a brief abstract which outlines your research project and your progress so far.

What are the benefits of participating at the Conference?

The MDX Research Students Summer Conference is an ideal opportunity for researchers to gain experience in participating at Conferences and presenting their work. As a participant, you will be able to attend fellow researchers presentations,

receive and provide feedback, network with academic colleagues and researchers from other departments and Faculties.

Is there a minimum year of studies that I need to have completed in order to be eligible?

No; research students of all levels are welcome to participate and present on the work they have carried out until that point. Students in their first year are generally encouraged to participate with a poster presentation.

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2. Abstract submissions

How do I submit my abstract?

Abstract submissions are managed through the EasyChair platform. In order to submit your abstract you need to [create an account in EasyChair](#), which is free and only requires your name and an email address. You will then need to use the [RSSC2022 submission page](#) to submit your abstract.

What is the deadline for submitting an abstract?

The initial deadline for submitting an abstract was 6th of April 2022, which was then extended: 19th of April 2022, 5pm UK time is the final deadline for submitting abstracts for RSSC2022.

Is there a word limit for my abstract?

Yes, the maximum number of words in your abstract should be 350. You have an opportunity to submit your abstract as a PDF file at the bottom of the submission page in EasyChair (instead of copying the text into the relevant field) and we highly recommend you not to exceed 350 words.

If you have symbols or images in your abstract, you can submit your work as a pdf on EasyChair.

Where can I find guidance for writing an abstract?

Firstly, contact your supervisor for guidance. RSSC2022 has organized various workshops for abstract preparation. You can find the slides of the workshops in the [RSSC page in Unihub](#) and at the links below for easier access:

- LET – **Writing a good abstract** – [Watch the recording](#) – [Download the slides](#)
- **RSSC2022 Drop in café** with the Conference Chairs – [Download the slides](#)

Who should I include as a corresponding author when writing my abstract submission?

The field for the corresponding author details in the abstract submission page is mostly useful if you are presenting a collaborative project with multiple contributors. The person who is solely responsible for being in communication with the RSSC Organising Committee and presenting on the day is the corresponding author. If you are presenting an individual project, the author is yourself.

When will I find out the outcome of my submission?

We will notify those who submitted an abstract by mid-May to let you know of the outcome of your abstract submission.

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3. Conference Theme

What is the theme of RSSC2022 and how does it relate to your abstract submission?

The theme of this year's Conference is "**Knowledge in Action**" and it is inspired by our [Middlesex University Strategy to 2031](#). The theme was decided to encourage researchers to critically reflect on how their research work contributes to the University's theme and its [strategic priorities](#). Please note that the Conference Theme is not identical with our strategy title ("Knowledge into Action") and that was an intentional distinction, to direct researchers to examine both knowledge that becomes action and knowledge that is created through action, and how that can relate to their research. The topic is broad and allows a flexibility from researchers to encompass it in their presentations.

How does the Conference Theme relate to my abstract?

The theme "**Knowledge in Action**" aims to bring researchers together under an overarching principle, to examine how their research contributes and interacts with these elements and see where these elements can be found within your research. The interpretation of the theme and how you demonstrate your engagement with it, is individual to each researcher and there lies the value of your contribution and your participation in the Conference. You are encouraged to browse through the [MDX Strategy to 2031 page](#) to see what the strategy involves and find out more about [our strategic priorities](#), which can help you narrow down the broader theme, into distinct pathways.

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4. Participation on the day

How long will be the oral presentations at the Conference?

Oral presentations will be 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes Q&A.

How is the Conference organized/Scheduled?

RSSC2022 will run over two days, 22/6 will be held online (via Zoom) and 23/6 will be held on-campus. The Conference comprises of opening and closing keynote speeches, poster presentations (online format TBC), and parallel sessions of participants oral presentations. This year there will also be a panel discussion with the Middlesex University Theme Directors and dedicated social events online and on-campus. The schedule will be confirmed closer to the day.

Is the duration of poster presentations same as oral presentations?

No. Posters are submitted as printed posters and then exhibited online or on-campus (exact format TBC). They will be accompanied by a brief presentation of 3-5 minutes, which can be recorded or delivered in-person.

Is there any way I can find out the detailed programme of the conference?

The details will be announced closer to the date of the conference and they will be available here:

<https://summerconferencemdx.wordpress.com/programme/> and [in Unihub](#).

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If you have any questions, please get in touch with Co-chair Dr Paula Nottingham at p.nottingham@mdx.ac.uk.