

Call for Abstracts

The call for abstracts is now open.

The submission deadline for abstracts is 25 March 2022

Submissions are warmly invited for presentations at the International Population Data Linkage Conference 2022 which address the conference theme and one of the sub-themes.

Conference Theme - Data linkage research: informing policy and practice

Sub-themes (in bold)

- **Data linkage, methods, systems and technology:** methodological developments, including:
 - Improving data and linkage quality
 - Software development
 - Artificial Intelligence approaches
 - Privacy enhancing techniques
 - Developing and improving data services
- **Research using real-world data:** research outcomes utilising linked datasets, incorporating:
 - Health data linkage research
 - Crime, justice and policing data linkage research
 - Education outcomes data linkage research
 - Understanding households & use of Census data in data linkage research
 - Research to support Covid-19 related insights
- **Multi-sector data linkage:**
 - Overcoming challenges and sensitivities of cross-sectoral and cross-jurisdictional data linkage
 - Linking to other emerging data types
- **Linking data to produce Official Statistics:**
 - The creation and use of new data linkages to produce or improve Official Statistics
 - Opportunities for collaborations between government and external researchers
- **Ethics, law and social implications:**
 - Ethical, Legal and Social aspects of population data use including collection, use, sharing and ownership, as well as who gets to make these decisions
 - implications of ethical, legal and social aspects of data use for emerging applications like AI
- **Public engagement and involvement in population data research:**
 - Embedding public engagement and involvement into the development and delivery of data linkage and research

Presentation Formats & Submission Guidelines

Oral, Poster Presentations and Expert Panel Q&A

You will have the option on EasyChair to express a preference for the presentation format(s) for which you would like your abstract to be considered from the options below. Allocations will be based on the fit with the conference themes, and the quality of the abstract (see below). Where multiple (or no) preference is expressed, the Scientific Committee will allocate abstracts to presentation format(s) in the order of: (1) oral presentation, (2) poster. In addition, the Scientific Committee will invite a selection of abstracts submitted by Masters and PhD students to be presented and discussed as part of an Expert Panel Q&A session.

Oral Presentations will be grouped by the Scientific Committee into thematically related areas and presented in concurrent sessions, with Q&As.

Poster Presentations will be on display at the conference during dedicated poster sessions. The viewing times and schedule for these will be confirmed after the call for abstracts is completed and presentations are selected. Posters must remain on display for the full duration of the dedicated poster sessions. Poster sizes should not exceed 1200mm (3.9 ft) high by 680mm (2.2 ft) wide.

Expert Panel Q&A there will be Expert Panel Q&A sessions scheduled as part of the main conference programme. The purpose of these sessions is to provide an opportunity for a selection of Masters and PhD students to give a rapid fire presentation and to receive feedback on their research from the Expert Panel.

To facilitate peer review, abstracts must be submitted in a structured format comprising four sections:

- Objectives (50-word limit)
- Approach (100-word limit)
- Results (125-word limit)
- Conclusion (50-word limit)

The abstract submitted should not exceed 325 words.

Instructions and Important Information

Please read the information below carefully

- Names of authors and organisations must not appear in the text of the abstract to allow for blind peer review.
- If the presenting author is a current Masters or PhD student at the time of abstract submission (or graduated within the previous six months), and is submitting an abstract based on research carried out as part of their qualification, they must select the appropriate option during the abstract submission process. Following blind peer review, this information will be used to allocate the highest scoring abstracts to the Expert Panel Q&A sessions.
- Proposals for presentations of any format must identify the presenting author as the main contact.
- All abstracts must be submitted using [IPDLN's conference online abstract submission process](#).
- The text should appeal to IPDLN's interdisciplinary membership.
- All presenters accepted through the abstract submission process and/or presenting at the conference must register for and pay to attend the conference and are responsible for their own related expenses. In addition, if the accepted presenter invites additional speakers to present with them at the conference, they must also register for and pay to attend the conference.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may submit; however, the number of accepted presentations may be limited for each presenter. Groups of authors are therefore encouraged to share presenting responsibilities.

- Accepted abstracts will be published as part of a special issue of the online International Journal of Population Data Science (IJPDS) following the conference.
- All presentations will be in English.
- Abstract submissions should be for research that is either complete or will be completed by the conference dates.
- Avoid specialised jargon and undefined abbreviations. Do not include tables, figures, diagrams, footnotes, references, or acknowledgements in the text of the abstract.
- The conference office will aim to meet all reasonable requests for audio-visual equipment, based on the type and duration of the presentation. Upon acceptance, the conference secretariat will confirm audio visual details for your presentation.
- Please be sure to note specific requirements or considerations when submitting your abstract online.

Evaluation Criteria

Using a blind review process, the Scientific Committee will guide a review of abstracts using the following criteria:

- The content of the abstract is a good fit with the conference theme and a sub-theme
- The content of the abstract provides new insight and/or knowledge
- The abstract is clear and well organised
- The proposed presentation is innovative and/or original
- The proposed presentation will be of significant interest to conference delegates