Guide for Authors

The theme for the 2016 Australian Conference on Personality and Individual Differences is *"Individual differences: Implications for research and practice"*. Authors are strongly encouraged to consider this theme when constructing their abstracts. The purpose of the theme is not to restrict any particular area of research; rather we wish to challenge presenters to discuss the implications of their studies from both research and clinical perspectives. Given the extent of the divide between research and practice in psychology, it is hoped that in some small way we can highlight the implications for the *individual* through the study of individual differences.

The conference will be accepting three types of presentations:

- **Individual papers**: 20 minutes including question time.
- **Symposia**: consisting of 4 to 5 papers to be presented within 1 hour and 40 minutes including question time.
- **Rapid Electronic Poster Sessions**: Posters will be presented in dedicated sessions. Authors are asked to outline their research on one to three PowerPoint slides (strictly no more than three) and to give a three minute overview followed by a two minute question time.

Authors interested in presenting at the conference are required to submit an abstract online. Abstracts are to be no longer than 250 words, and symposia are required to have an overarching abstract as well as one for each paper. The link to the abstract submission is https://goo.gl/forms/Pqf5mkVhXY

We recognise that not all studies may be completed at the time of submission, therefore you do not need to be able to summarise all of the findings. The final abstracts included in the published proceedings will likely differ from those included in the initial submission. It is more important to frame the context and rationale for your study at the time of submission.
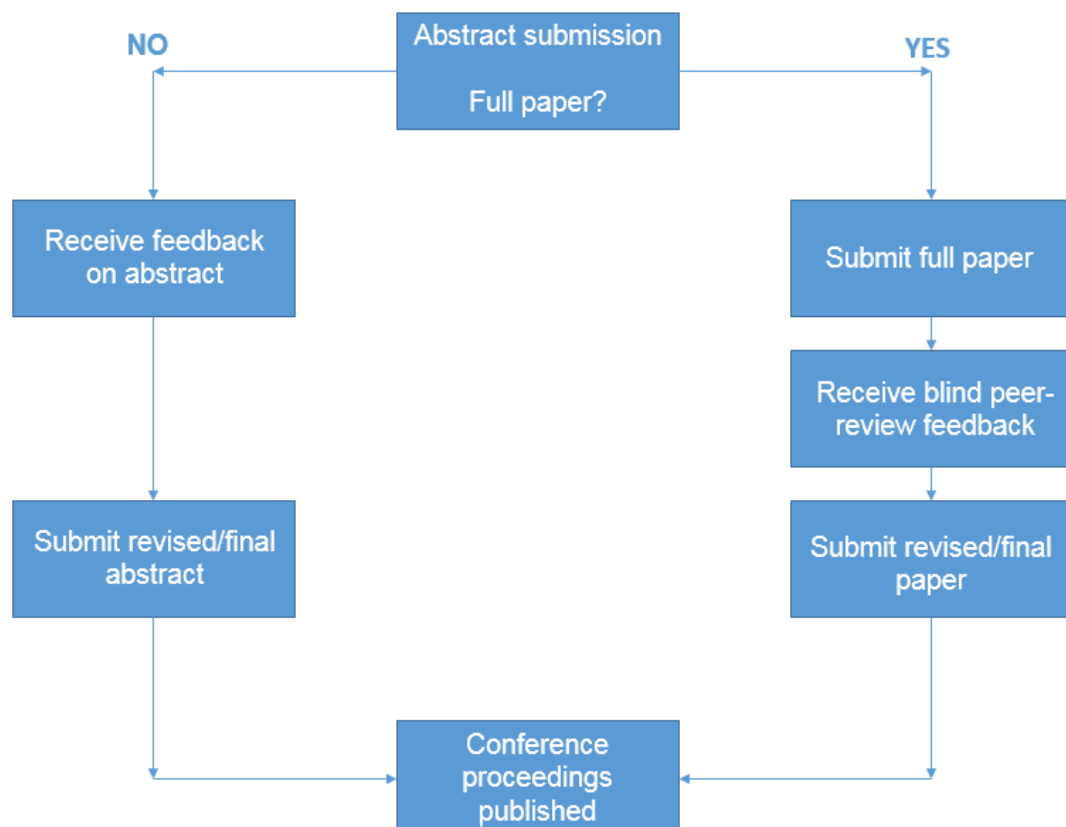
Authors are able to choose whether they would like to submit a full paper to be included with the conference proceedings. All papers (including posters, abstracts, and full papers) presented at the conference will be published online, with a unique digital object identifier assigned to each. This allows for verification of the academic impact of the conference proceedings, such as citations. Full papers are required to be no more than 4000 words including references, using Times New Roman size 12 font, 1.5 line spacing, and APA 6th formatting.

The timeline and flowchart for submissions is below:

Online abstract submission due	19 August 2016
Notification of abstract acceptance	26 August 2016
Full papers due (if nominated)	23 September 2016
Full papers returned after peer-review	7 October 2016
Final abstract only due (if changed)	14 October 2016
Final full papers due	4 November 2016

The initial blind peer-review of abstracts will be conducted by the conference scientific committee. Authors who chose not to submit a full paper are able to submit a revised, final version of their abstract up to 14 October. Subsequent blind peer-review for full papers will be conducted to offer feedback and suggestions for improvement prior to publication. Authors are able to support the conference by conducting blind peer-review for a full paper, remembering that the purpose of the full paper review is not to reject but to encourage and offer critical feedback.

If you have any questions regarding the submission or peer-review process, please email shane.costello@monash.edu