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**22nd National Conference of Emerging Researchers in Ageing**

4 December 2024 | Virtual

ASK THE ERA BRAINS TRUST – EOI GUIDELINES

**Expressions of interest (EOIs) that do not conform to these Guidelines and Instructions will not be considered**

Participation in an interactive ‘Ask the ERA Brains Trust’ session at ERA 2024 is open to Honours, Masters, PhD, Professional doctoral students, and early career researchers engaged in ageing-related research from any discipline.

Those wishing to participate must submit an expression of interest by **Wednesday 11 September 2024**. Expressions of interest are welcomed from all early career researchers in ageing, not just those who are intending to submit an abstract for an oral presentation at the ERA 2024. Researchers wanting to participate in both the oral presentations and the Brains Trust session may submit a Brains Trust EOI on the same topic they wanting to present on or on a different topic.

All expressions of interest will be considered by the Conference Organising Committee, taking into account both the balance of the programme and the availability of relevant experts to participate.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome no later than Wednesday 2 October 2024. As ERA is focused on supporting the development of emerging researchers and details will be included in the conference proceedings, the Conference Organising Committee may provide written feedback on expressions of interest, potentially including the requirement for revision and resubmission.

**Ask the ERA Brains Trust format**

The Ask the ERA Brains Trust format provides selected participants with the opportunity to ask questions and receive research advice from members of the ‘ERA Brains Trust’ (relevant experts).

This format is suitable for emerging researchers at any stage who may benefit from specialist advice on aspects of either their planned research, work-in-progress, or completed research (e.g., identifying relevant literature, stakeholder engagement, methodology, recruitment, dissemination, translation of findings etc).

Participants in an Ask the ERA Brains Trust session will:

* Give a brief individual presentation (maximum 5 minutes, maximum 3 PowerPoint slides):
* Introduce and provide a brief overview of their research
* Outline their key questions for the ERA Brains Trust to address
* Participate in a group Q&A session (alongside 1-2 other participants) with members of the ERA Brains Trust that have been allocated to address the questions presented.

Participants must attend the entire session they are allocated to in order to both present and participate in the group Q&A discussion (anticipated total session length approx. 60 minutes).

Please note participating in an interactive Ask the ERA Brains Trust session is different to presenting an ‘oral presentation’; the majority of the session time will be allocated to the ERA Brains Trust to respond to the key questions provided and, while the ERA Brains Trust will respond in ways specific to the participant who initially asked the question, the advice and discussion may also be generalised more broadly to participants in the session and the wider audience.

The Ask the ERA Brains Trust sessions will be conducted ‘live’ during the ERA 2024 conference via Zoom (i.e., in real-time, not pre-recorded); participantsmust be available 10am - 5pm AEST on Wednesday 4 December 2024 to participate live (please check your local time (i.e., compared to Adelaide, Australia), noting daylight saving).

More detailed guidelines will be provided to session participants closer to the conference date.

**General principles**

The purpose of an expression of interest is to provide the Conference Organising Committee with both a clear understanding of your research (a concise, straightforward, and interesting synopsis of your intended research overview presentation) in addition to an outline of the key questions that you wish members of the ERA Brains Trust to respond to.

The information provided in the expression of interest form will be used by the Conference Organising Committee to select a limited number of applicants to participate in Ask the ERA Brains Trust sessions. The information provided will be used to source potential experts, and to allow the experts to prepare their responses prior to the session.

**Expressions of interest must:**

* Be prepared according to the Instructions (outlined below).
* Use a clear and simple writing style – ensure you proofread prior to submission.
* Use Australian spelling e.g., ‘ageing’ (not aging).
* Not include references unless they are very specific to the study e.g. “This study replicates that of Jones (2000)”.

If you are a student, please ask your supervisor to review your expression of interest prior to submission.

**Further information**

Please refer to the [ERA 2024 website](https://era.edu.au/ERA-2024) or contact [era@era.edu.au](mailto:era@era.edu.au)

ASK THE ERA BRAINS TRUST – EOI FORM

**Expression of Interest Submission Instructions:**

1. Complete Sections 1-2 below (\* indicates compulsory field) – if you have already submitted an abstract for an oral presentation for ERA 2024, you do not need to complete Section 1 and 2 again
2. On the following page, complete Section 3 – please format your expression of interest exactly as indicated, and as per the Guidelines
3. If you are a student, please ask your supervisor to review your expression of interest prior to submission
4. Expressions of interest must be saved as a Word document with the file name:  
   ERA 2024 EOI Surname First Initial (e.g., ERA 2024 EOI Smith J)
5. Submit this Expression of Interest Form by email (attached as a Word document), with the email subject line the same as the document title (e.g., ERA 2024 EOI Smith J), to [era@era.edu.au](mailto:era@era.edu.au)  **no later Wednesday 11 September 2024**.

**Section 1**

Please note information provided in this section is for internal administrative use only, and will not be circulated or included in the ERA 2024 Conference Programme and Proceedings

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| \* Email address: |  |
| \* Highest qualification and year completed: | Undergraduate  Honours  Masters  PhD/Professional doctorate  Year completed: |
| \* Qualification currently being undertaken, or   ‘Early career researcher’: | Honours  Masters  PhD/Professional doctorate  Early career researcher |

**Section 2**

Please note information provided in this section will be included in the ERA 2024 Conference Programme and Proceedings

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| \* First name: |  |
| Preferred first name (if different; optional): |  |
| \* Surname: |  |
| Pronouns (optional): |  |
| \* University or Institute: |  |
| Email address (optional): |  |
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**Section 3**

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**Part A PARTICIPANT:**

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| SURNAME Firstname1,2 (uppercase surname followed by first name)  1 First University (please include one level of organisational grouping as most relevant (the participant’s Centre or Department or School etc), followed by the organisation name (e.g., the participant’s University or Institute)  2 Second University (etc, as relevant) |  |

**Part B RESEARCH:**

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| Research title (Title Case): |  |
| Research overview (maximum 150 words):  Format as a single paragraph (no line breaks). If relevant, please structure with the following headings within a single paragraph (i.e., include headings in bold, without starting a new line for each heading): Background: Objective: Method: Results: Conclusion: |  |

**Part C KEY QUESTIONS:**

Please clearly outline two or three key questions (in order of priority, starting with most important) you would like the ERA Brains Trust to respond to. Questions should relate to the research outlined above, and provide enough information to enable an expert to understand what you are asking and prepare a response that would be helpful to you – e.g., most appropriate methodology to address x research question, in x context, how to interpret x results, how to translate x results / conclusions etc.

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