

# PRRES 2024- PhD Colloquium

#### When and where is it?

PhD Colloquium will be held face-to-face during the upcoming Pacific Rim Real Estate Society (PRRES) 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Sunday 14th January 2024 in Queensland, Australia. Program details will be announced by PRRES closer to the conference date.

#### What is its aim?

The aim of this colloquium is to provide the opportunity for PhD students in property to present their PhD work-in-progress in a supportive and non-confrontational environment to a group of senior academics and peers. In addition, senior academics will be invited to contribute to plenary sessions discussing such topics as 'publishing your PhD' and 'making the most of your PhD experience'. The overall objective is to promote excellence in PhD research throughout the region.

#### Who should attend?

Any student who is considering or currently studying towards a Doctorate is welcome and will benefit from attending this colloquium.

- 1. Students who are well advanced in their research will present their initial findings and receive feedback which will be useful to them in writing up their thesis and in turning this research into possible publications;
- 2. Students who have completed their initial research proposal and literature review should present their work to date and receive helpful advice to assist them with progressing the research;
- 3. Students who are in the preliminary stages of their research, or just contemplating a research degree, for whom listening to the discussion, the proposals and the research outcomes of other students will be of great benefit in developing their research proposals. There is an opportunity to speak about your ideas for research in the 'New to PhD' session, which is a more informal part of the proceedings and you can receive valuable feedback from experienced academics.

## What will I be doing?

All accepted PhD students are required to make a presentation. Students may wish to discuss the opportunity with your supervisor. Presenting can be a valuable experience, there is no better way to develop ideas than to explain them to someone else. The objective of the day is to provide you with feedback from a broader group of academics, both fellow students and more experienced academics in the field. The presentations will be attended by academics with experience in supervising and examining PhD work. It is the intention of these academics to encourage and support the students and therefore they will provide constructive feedback.

## PRRES Scholarships, Prize and Award

We are pleased to announce the availability of scholarships up to the value of AUD1,500 each available to PhD students completing a PhD research degree on a topic related to Property Discipline as a 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> year full time student at a University in the broad PRRES catchment area. The scholarship prizes maybe awarded to multiple students depending on the quality of applications received. The scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of the submitted (up to 3 pages) research summary required for the PhD Colloquium. Students who wish to be considered for the Scholarship Prize should not have previously received this award. You must also include a signed declaration from your supervisor that you are studying fulltime, and include any additional supporting evidence of this. In order to support and encourage early career PhDs (1<sup>st</sup> year students) to participate, a PRRES Early Researcher PhD Prize for 'Best Paper' is awarded based on PhD research summary submission (AUD400). In addition, a PRRES PhD Award for 'Best Presenter on the Day'(AUD400) will also be awarded. The successful student awards winners for all categories will be announced at the conclusion of the main Conference. Further information is also available on the PRRES website at http://www.prres.net/

## How should I register for the PhD colloquium and apply for the scholarships?

Students who wish to present their work and be considered for the scholarship should

- Submit the application form;
- Submit a signed declaration form from your supervisor proving the you are undertaking PhD degree and will participate for the full duration of PRRES Conference;
- Submit a research summary of not more than three pages for review;
- Submit a 150 words abstract;
- Submit evidence of university enrolment in the PhD program
- Have a paper in main conference (refereed or non-refereed)
- Attend the PhD Colloquium and the full duration of the main PRRES Conference, and
- Have atleast one PhD Supervisor who is current PRRES member

The application form, signed declaration form and research summary should be sent to Dr Wejen Reddy (wejendra.reddy@rmit.edu.au) no later than the 31 August 2023 (later submissions may be considered if space is still available, however may not be eligible for the scholarship).

The application and declaration forms are available from the PRRES website. The registration fee for PhD students is the same as the early bird conference rate offered to returning PRRES members.

## **Research Summary**

All the research summary will be assessed by a panel of academics to determine the PRRES Scholarships. Please note this is a summary of your research, not a paper, so please use the points outlined below to construct your research summary.

The summary should address the following themes as appropriate according to stage of development:

- The academic issue being studied
- Why the issue is important both academically and practically
- The concepts, theory and frameworks being used
- The methodology being used
- The anticipated contribution to knowledge
- Progress to date (including preliminary results and findings)
- The next steps in the research process
- One or two specific issues which you would like feedback from the panel on.

# Format of summary

- Microsoft Word document
- A4 size
- Times New Roman 12 point font
- Single spacing
- 2.5cm (1 inch) margins
- Harvard style referencing
- No footnotes
- Figures and tables integrated into the text
- One complete file only with the file name: student's surname colloquium

Research summaries submitted will be reviewed by an expert academic in order to ensure that they are of an appropriate standard. Those candidates making submissions will be advised prior to the colloquium that their submission has been accepted for a presentation. Acceptance in the PRRES PhD Colloquium is based on the quality of research summary submission. In the absence of quality submission or lack of applicants, PRRES reserves the right not to award the scholarship. The titles of the accepted submissions and authors will be included in the colloquium but submissions will not be published in the conference proceedings. Research summaries accepted and 150 page abstract will be circulated to participating senior academic panel members prior to the colloquium.

#### Other important dates

- 31 August 2023 Closing date for submission of research summaries
- 30 September 2023 Research Summaries acceptance for presentation advised