Innovate, Inspire, Lead: Transforming research culture

Overview

Advance HE’s Innovate, Inspire, Lead: Transforming research culture symposium will take place on 16 July 2024 at Horizon Leeds, Leeds.

Research culture and the need for equitable and effective leadership are widely discussed in higher education. This symposium aims to advance this conversation and discuss practical tools to develop a thriving and sustainable research culture.

Symposium themes

Presentations and workshops will address some of the most pressing issues in research culture:

- How can research leadership improve and sustain a positive and supportive research culture?
- What is the route to impactful leadership?
- What alternative research leadership models can we use to improve research culture?
- How can we advance and support EDI in research culture?
- How can we build resilience for ourselves, our teams, and our sector?

We, therefore, invite submissions that ponder these broad prompts. Submissions can include case studies, reflections, critical essays and perspectives on research culture. We particularly welcome papers that are co-delivered or authored with diverse organisational roles, and we will work with authors to provide the technology and support to include diverse voices in their presentations.

Who should attend?

This event is designed for early career researchers, experienced researchers and academics, research administrators and managers, policy-makers and funding agencies, industry representatives, publishers and journal editors and anyone who shapes the research culture landscape.
Attendee Takeaways:

- Practical tools for creating and maintaining a positive research culture.
- A platform to discuss ethical and practical challenges and solutions related to research culture in higher education and research institutions.
- A clear link between leadership and research culture.
- Networking with individuals who shape research culture across the sector.

Ideal for:

- Researchers, administrative, and other colleagues seeking to bring change to their research environments.
- Policy makers and funding agencies.
- Anyone passionate about enhancing research practices, fostering collaboration, and building a wide research community.

Call for contributions

Colleagues are invited to submit higher education initiatives that address at least one of the symposium themes above.

Session types:

**Workshops** should be 60 minutes in length, with at least 40 minutes of the session involving active participation from delegates. We want to provide an opportunity for colleagues to learn from each other, and therefore, we wish to have a space for learning and development in this rapidly expanding area. We welcome contributions to help colleagues explore and practice AI applications in research culture, innovative wellbeing practices, and team-building techniques.

**Oral Presentations** should be 20 minutes in total, 15 minutes’ presentation followed by 5 minutes of Q&A with delegates. This session type should be selected if your proposed session is a critical essay or report on a project within your institution and
should offer guidance on how others can replicate similar projects within their institutions. Your session should include a PPT presentation or visual stimulus to accompany your talk.

**On the cutting edge** presentations should be 10 minutes long and followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. This is an opportunity to discuss controversial topics around AI that may shape or influence research culture.

The deadline for submissions is **midnight, 22 April 2024.** Please [click here](#) to submit.