

2017 CRIG Seminar Lightning Talks information sheet

Seminar day: Wednesday 8th November 2017

The CRIG seminar day lightning talks are one of the most popular parts of the program. We are now calling for proposals for 5 minute presentations about initiatives, projects, ideas or research that will be of interest to librarians working in academic libraries. Note: your proposal does not need to relate to the program theme of *Librarians as researchers*.

First-time and experienced presenters are encouraged to apply.

Lightning Talks are

- fast, focussed and leave the audience wanting to know more
- a way to develop your presentation and communication skills and get noticed
- an opportunity to showcase what is happening at your institution

How to submit a proposal

- You will need a title and a brief abstract for your talk
- Before you submit your proposal, discuss your topic and submission with your manager to ensure there are no issues from an organisational perspective
- Decide whether you want to receive feedback about your presentation
- **Submit your proposal via the online form** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRIGSeminar17> by COB Wednesday 27th September 2017.
- We will get back to you on the 3rd of October and inform you of the outcome
- If you are selected to present at the seminar, you will need to complete the registration form but the registration fee will be waived. You get to attend for free!
- If you have any questions contact: Anna.Srivastava@caval.edu.au

Parameters for the presentation

- If you decide to use PowerPoint to support your presentation you must limit yourself to 5 slides
- You will be timed and the 5 minute timeframe will be adhered to
- There will be time for individual audience questions once all the Lightning Talks have been given

Here are a few tips for novice presenters

- Find a colleague who has given a lightning talk before and have a conversation about the highs and lows
- Devise a catchy and clever title that explains the content of your talk
- Don't spend too long explaining the background, get to your first point
- Talking faster isn't always the answer, review your content and refine your delivery
- Leave enough time for a conclusion
- Practice, practice, practice

There is lots of advice online. Try these links

<http://www.perl.com/pub/2004/07/30/lightningtalk.html>

<http://software.ac.uk/home/cw11/giving-good-lightning-talk>