

Making Research Happen: Research Administration Conference

Date: Tuesday 15 September 2026, 1:00 – 5:00pm

Location: Level 7 Auditorium, Queensland Brain Institute (79), St Lucia campus

The **Making Research Happen: Research Administration Conference** brings together research administration professionals from across UQ to share ideas, showcase innovations, build connections, and celebrate excellence in research support. Through keynote presentations, case studies, networking opportunities, and interactive sessions, attendees will explore the theme *Our Profession, Our Practice, Our People*.

Activity	Time	Get Involved!
Registration opens	12:45 – 1:00	
Structured Networking / Lunch	1:00 – 1:30	
Welcome, Introduction and Acknowledgement of Country Presenter: Rachel Axon Associate Director, Awards, Research Office	1:30 – 1:40	
Keynote Speaker Presenter: Dr Jodi Clyde-Smith Executive Director, Research Office	1:40 – 2:10	
Case Study Showcase Hear from colleagues across UQ sharing innovations, partnerships, process improvements and lessons learned in research administration.	2:10 – 3:00	Have a story to share? The Case Study Showcase is an opportunity to highlight an innovation, improvement, partnership or lesson learned from your work in research administration. Whether you've introduced a new process, navigated a complex challenge, built a successful collaboration or tested a new approach, we'd love to hear how it has made a difference. Presentations can explore topics related to people, processes, technology, governance, capability building, AI adoption, partnerships or service improvements.

Why get involved?

Share your experiences, showcase what you've learned, and contribute practical ideas that can help strengthen research administration across UQ.

Break and Poster Viewing

3:00 – 3:30

Poster theme: *Our Practice in Action*

View posters showcasing research administration initiatives and innovations while networking with colleagues.

What does your practice look like in action?

Posters provide a relaxed and engaging way to share initiatives, innovations and improvements from across the UQ research administration community. During the networking break, attendees will have the opportunity to explore posters, exchange ideas and connect with colleagues.

Posters might highlight a process improvement, technology implementation, new service model, team initiative, partnership or capability-building activity.

Why get involved?

Highlight work you're proud of, spark conversations with colleagues, and be eligible for the Outstanding Poster Display Award.

3-Minute Blitz: Spotlight on Practice

3:30 – 4:15

Fast-paced presentations highlighting practical ideas, projects and experiences that benefit the research community.

What's worked well for you or your team?

The 3-Minute Blitz is an opportunity to share something that has helped you, your team, or the wider UQ research community.

It could be a process improvement, a new tool, a project, a lesson learned, or simply an idea that others might find useful.

Why get involved?

Share a practical tip, lesson or innovation, connect with colleagues, and inspire others with an idea they can put into practice.

Panel: Career Journeys in Research Administration at UQ

4:15 – 4:40

Learn from experienced colleagues as they share their career pathways, professional development experiences, and insights into working in research administration.

Conference Reflections

4:40 – 4:50

Awards and Closing Celebration

4:50 – 5:00

- Outstanding 3MB
 - People's Choice 3MB
 - Outstanding Poster Display
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