PRRES 2013 - Postgraduate Colloquium

When is it?
The PRRES postgraduate colloquium is scheduled to take place on Sunday 13th January 2013 between 10am and 5pm.

What is its aim?
The aim of this colloquium is to provide the opportunity for postgraduate students in property to present their postgraduate work-in-progress in a supportive and non-confrontational environment to a group of senior academics and peers. In addition to this four senior academics will be invited to partake in two plenary sessions discussing such topics in the area of ‘Academic issues to consider when completing postgraduate studies’ and ‘Making the most of your postgraduate experience’. The overall objective is to promote excellence in postgraduate research throughout the region.

Who should attend?
Any Student who is considering or currently studying towards a Doctorate or Masters 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?
Participants in the morning will be in workshops related to their area of interest (please note you need to put your 3 areas of interest on your submission so this can be organized). Then in the afternoon students will be presenting their work will be given feedback from their fellow postgraduate students and from senior academics during the open discussions and question and answer sessions after each presentation.

How will the presentations work?
We would like to encourage all postgraduate students 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. As aforementioned, if you are new to the PhD arena, the workshops may provide a valuable experience to participate in and here about ideas, theories, methods etc. 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 postgraduate work. It is the intention of these academics to encourage and support the students and therefore they will provide constructive feedback.
How should I submit and present my proposal?

Students who wish to present their work and be considered for the scholarship should submit a research summary of not more than three pages, plus references for review no later than the 30th October 2012 (later submissions may be considered if space is still available, however may not be eligible for the scholarship). These submissions will be then be considered by a panel of academics. Please note this is a summary of your research, not a paper, so please use the points outline below to construct your research summary.

Summaries should be sent through as a word attachment to g.warrenmyers@deakin.edu.au.
The first page should include:
- The name of the candidate
- The academic institution
- Level of work (PhD or Masters)
- Name of supervisor(s)
- Working title of research

Areas you would like to discuss in workshops (Name 3) e.g. qualitative analysis techniques, PhD culture and experience, how to stop writers block…

The summary should address the following themes as appropriate according to stage of development:
- The academic issue being studies
- 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 of US Letter
- 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. It is anticipated that most submissions will be accepted. The titles of the accepted submissions and authors will be included in the colloquium programme but submissions will not be published. Research summaries accepted will be circulated to participating senior academic panel members prior to the colloquium. A laptop will be provided for the presentation, students are therefore asked to bring a copy of their presentation on a Memory Stick.
Registration
Postgraduate students need to submit a research summary to Georgia Warren-Myers g.warrenmyers@deakin.edu.au by the 30th October 2012, and register for the 2013 PRRES Conference (the registration fee for students is $ AUD95.00, registration includes PRRES membership for 2013 and main conference activities except for the Conference Dinner and Welcome Reception)

The student registration fee is only available to postgraduate students who are:
- a full time student;
- undertaking a Masters or PhD degree (by research or coursework); and
- presenting a property related paper at the conference (which may be refereed or non-refereed).

PRRES Scholarships
We are pleased to announce the availability of two scholarships up to the value of $A1,500 each available to higher degree research students (Masters or PhD in the property area) completing a postgraduate research degree as a full time student at a University in the broad PRRES catchment area. The scholarship is to be applied towards the costs of: Conference Registration (at the $A95 postgrad level), airfares to the Conference from the winning student’s University location and 3/4 night’s accommodation at the main Conference hotel (Sunday to Wednesday depending on the student’s travel arrangements). The successful student will be paid the scholarship in advance of the Conference on completion of registration. The scholarship will be awarded based on the strength of the submitted (up to 3 pages) research summary required for the Postgraduate Colloquium. All summaries submitted by the due date will be considered for the $A1,500 PRRES scholarships unless you indicate otherwise.

Please note to be eligible for the scholarship you need to submit your summary within the timeframe, present in the afternoon session and have a paper in main conference.

Colloquium format (draft)
Sunday 13th January 2013
Venue: RMIT University, Melbourne

Draft Timetable for Colloquium (Dependent on student submissions)

9.30am Registration
10.00am Welcome
10.10am Plenary Session I - Topic to be confirmed
10.30am Workshop A
11.30am Break Morning Tea
11.45am Workshop B
1pm Light lunch
1.30pm Plenary Session II - Topic to be confirmed
2pm Student Presentations
3.30pm Coffee
3.45pm Student Presentations
5.00pm Closing remarks and discussion

Other important dates
30th October 2012 Closing date for submission of research summaries
25th November 2012 Paper acceptance advised