Twenty-first century students appear to have different wants and needs from previous generations. Students are seeking flexible, personalised learning opportunities with practical outcomes, including employability.

The Australian Government Office for Learning and Teaching commissioned five strategic priority projects on how to enhance the student experience.

The project led by Bond University, with institutional partners University of Southern Queensland, Victoria University, the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations, and the Australian Council for Educational Research is hosting a national postgraduate student experience symposium to share our preliminary findings and recommended strategies to enhance the postgraduate student experience.

Come join us on the Gold Coast on 7-8 April 2016.
Higher education is charged with the immense responsibilities of nurturing knowledge, fostering intellectual development and lifting society. The solution is to support the highest quality postgraduate student learning experience, including celebrating these students and their contributions.

The diversity of postgraduate students in Australia is nowhere more obvious than in the differences in expectations of research and coursework students.

Join us on April 7-8 2016 at Bond University on the Gold Coast!
THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2016 - DAY ONE

12:00PM - 12:30PM SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION
Light lunch provided for registered delegates.

12:30PM - 12:35PM WELCOME TO COUNTRY
Professor Tim Brailsford (Vice-Chancellor, Bond University)

12:35PM - 12:40PM WELCOME TO BOND UNIVERSITY
Ms Di Weddell (Branch Manager, OLT)

12:40PM - 12:45PM WELCOME TO SYMPOSIUM
Ms Di Weddell (Branch Manager, OLT)

12:55PM - 1:40PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS “SUCCESS, ACHIEVEMENT & FUTURES.”
Chair - Assoc Prof Linda Crane (Associate Dean, Learning & Teaching, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine, Bond University)
Professor James Arvanitakis (Dean of Graduate Studies, Western Sydney University)

2:00PM - 2:30PM PRESENTATION “WHAT DOES THE DATA TELL US ABOUT THE POSTGRADUATE STUDENT EXPERIENCE?”
Dr Sarah Richardson (Principal Research Fellow, ACER)

2:40PM - 3:40PM PRESENTATION OF OLT STRATEGIC PRIORITY PROJECTS
Chair - Ms Helen McLean (Senior Advisor, RMIT University; Evaluator, Office for Learning and Teaching)
Assoc Prof Linda Crane (Associate Dean, Learning & Teaching, Bond University)
Assoc Prof Sally Male (Senior Research Fellow, University of Western Australia)
Professor Sally Varnham (Professor of Law, University of Technology Sydney)

3:50PM - 4:35PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS “PERSONALISED POSTGRADUATE LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED APPROACHES.”
Chair - Assoc Prof Linda Crane (Associate Dean, Learning & Teaching, Bond University)
Professor Ken Udas (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Services, University of Southern Queensland)

4:45PM - 5:45PM POSTGRADUATE STUDENT PANEL
Chair - Ms Madelaine-Marie Judd (Project Manager, Bond University)
Ms Elissa Roper (University of Divinity)
Ms Ghada Saad (Victoria University)
Mr Harry Rolf (University of Tasmania)
Ms Sharlene Leroy-Dyer (Flinders University)

5:45PM - 6:30PM EDUCATOR PANEL
Chair - Assoc Prof Gary Hamlin (Associate Dean, Student Affairs & Service Quality, Bond University)
Assoc Prof Barrie Todhunter (Associate Professor Project Management, University of Southern Queensland)
Ms Josephine Hook (Senior Educational Designer, Monash University)
Assoc Prof Bill Eckersley (Director, Learning & Teaching, Victoria University)
Dr Kate Davis (Lecturer, Queensland University of Technology)

6:30PM - 9:00PM DINNER AND PRESENTATION
Dinner and presentation by Professor Tim Brailsford (Vice-Chancellor, Bond University) to be held at The University Club, Bond University.

FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2016 - DAY TWO

8:15AM - 9:00AM BREAKFAST
Including overview of day one and welcome to day two.

9AM - 9:45M KEYNOTE ADDRESS “THE FIRST YEAR POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCE.”
Chair - Assoc Prof Linda Crane (Associate Dean, Learning & Teaching, Bond University)
Professor Sally Kift (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, James Cook University)

10:00AM - 12:00PM BREAK OUT SESSIONS
‘Demystifying your thesis’ - Professor Ron Adams (Professorial Research Fellow, Victoria University)
‘UPGRADE for coursework students’ - Assoc Prof Barrie Todhunter (Assoc Prof Project Management, University of Southern Queensland)

12:00PM - 12:30PM LUNCH

1:40PM - 2PM POSTER SESSION

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Chair - Assoc Prof Linda Crane (Associate Dean, Learning & Teaching, Bond University)
Professor Anthony Smith (Vice-Provost, Education & Student Affairs, University College London)

1:25PM - 2:25PM LEADERSHIP PANEL
Chair - Professor Helen Partridge (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Scholarly Information & Learning Services, University of Southern Queensland)
Professor Keitha Dunstan (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning & Teaching, Bond University)
Professor Selma Aliex (Pro Vice-Chancellor, The University of Notre Dame)
Assoc Prof Jonathan Powles (Director, Teaching & Learning, University of Canberra)
Professor Sally Kift (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, James Cook University)

2:30PM - 2:45PM PRACTICAL GOAL SETTING
Assoc Prof Shelley Kinash (Director, Learning & Teaching, Bond University)

2:45PM - 3PM CLOSING
Dr Grace Lynch (Consultant, RMIT University; Evaluator, Office for Learning and Teaching)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE IS THE SYMPOSIUM LOCATED?
The symposium will be held in the Princeton room at Bond University on the Gold Coast. Dinner will be held at The University Club at Bond University.

WHAT IS THE COST?
The symposium is FREE to attend. Your only cost will be flights, accommodation, transport and other incidentals.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM?
Lunch, dinner and coffee breaks will be provided on the Thursday. Breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks will be provided on the Friday.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO THIS RESEARCH?
Educators and postgraduate students are invited to submit A1 posters for the poster session conducted on Thursday. Posters may highlight innovative university strategies within the postgraduate student experience space, showcase research projects, or provide a profile of accomplishments. Posters must be submitted to the project team by 1 March 2016 for review. Posters will be selected on a competitive basis with printing costs covered by the project team. Posters will be displayed throughout the duration of the symposium and authors will be given the opportunity to present during the poster session.

HOW MUCH WILL A TAXI FROM THE AIRPORT COST?
A taxi from the Gold Coast airport costs approximately $45-60 to Bond University and nearby hotels.

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