

Tertiary ICT Conference

5 October 2016 – 7 October 2016

Manukau Institute of Technology, Manukau, Auckland, New Zealand

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



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General Conference Call For Abstracts

The organising committee invites you to submit an abstract and prepare your presentation for this year's premier event in the New Zealand Tertiary IT calendar, the 34th Tertiary ICT Conference!

We welcome abstracts from all areas of IT, Learning, Research and Student Engagement from across the Tertiary Sector. This is your chance to champion the use of technology that achieves outstanding learning experiences for students, supports research or provides a value added spark to your institution.

Our theme for this year is **Bring IT On** which focuses on identifying and sharing the key issues and opportunities for ICT in tertiary education, now and into the future.

Bring IT On is all about embracing new technology on a daily basis to make life easier and simpler as well as welcoming everyone from the whole community to benefit throughout the lifecycle.

The 2016 conference is your opportunity to contribute your experience, expertise and knowledge to the New Zealand Tertiary ICT community. It is a forum of discussion for what is on the horizon as service providers within a disparate, large scale sector.

If you don't think your idea for your paper quite fits into our theme? Well don't worry, send us in your abstract and we will look at finding a spot for you.

General Conference Presentation Timing and Focus

All accepted Call for Abstract speakers will be given a 25 minute presentation slot on the conference programme. The allocated time should also allow for speaker introductions and 5 minutes of questions at the end of the presentation. Let your imagination run wild and take this chance to showcase advancements or initiatives within your institution.

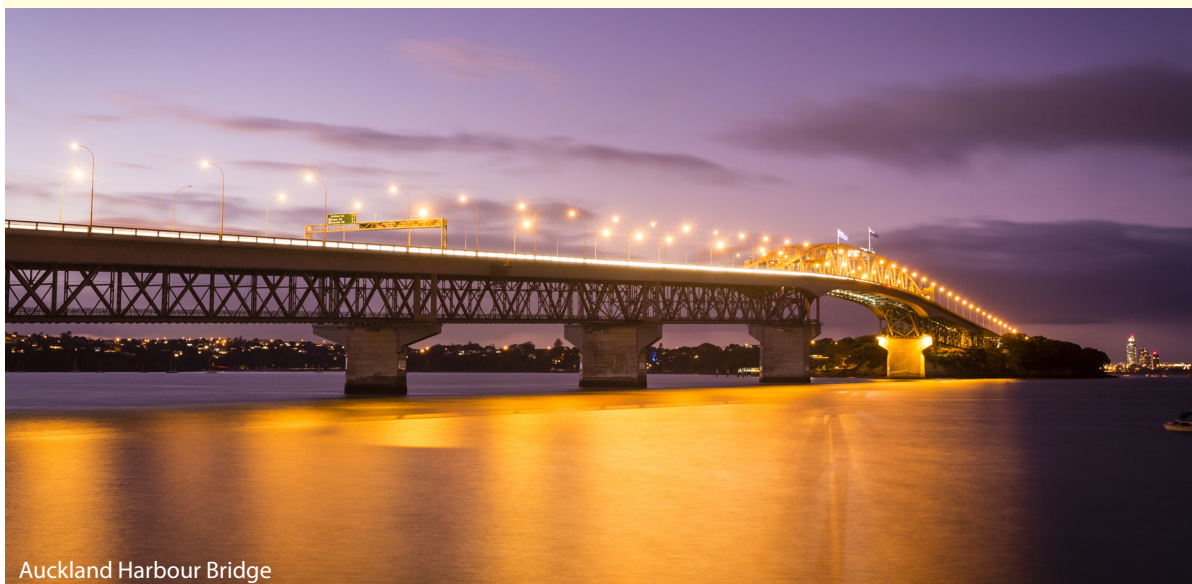
The presentation content can be on any topic relating to ICT and the conference theme. Presentation content should encourage, inspire or inform delegates on current IT initiatives that are being utilised or on the horizon for the New Zealand Tertiary ICT sector.

We are asking that you, the delegates, give serious consideration to presenting an abstract, or asking a colleague who has undertaken some relevant activity, to present at this year's conference. The measure of any conference is derived through its presentations and by the calibre of its delegates. The organising committee is working hard to ensure we offer interesting, relevant presentations and keynote speakers.

We urge you to get your abstracts in early, as speaking opportunities will be at a premium.

Terms and Conditions

- Completed submissions must be emailed to **office@iconevents.co.nz by 5pm, Friday the 24th June, 2016.**
- Submissions are open to all conference delegates involved in the Tertiary Sector; whether an individual, team or institution.
- Conference sponsors are not eligible.



Auckland Harbour Bridge

Microsoft Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards

Has your institution designed, developed or implemented highly innovative ICT services which directly support and enable the outcomes for your institution, staff and students? Have you exceeded your institution's expectations in delivering and supporting technology services? Are you enabling you staff and students to produce exceptional results in the digital age?

Then the Microsoft Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards are for you! The Microsoft Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards is an annual event showcasing ICT technology excellence, innovation and advancements within the New Zealand tertiary education sector. Along with the fantastic prizes for the Microsoft Tertiary ICT Excellence Award categories, the Microsoft Awards Gala Dinner is the premier event for celebrating and awarding excellence within our sector.

The Microsoft Tertiary ICT Excellence Award categories for 2016 are:

- **The Microsoft Award for Technology Innovation**

– The award for non-BAU, extreme or utterly new use of technology in a tertiary environment. Winner receives \$3000 for their institution.

- **The Microsoft Award for Excellence in Technology Delivery** – The award for exceptional delivery of technology across projects, service delivery and support. Winner receives \$3000 for their institution.

- **The Microsoft Award for Excellence in Technology for Learning, Research or Students** – for exceptional delivery of technology supporting the core sector outcomes of Learning, Research or Students. Winner receives \$3000 for their institution.

- **The Supreme Winner** – The overall winner, as judged from the winners of the other three categories, is awarded the Microsoft Innovation and Excellence trophy until the next year's awards ceremony.

The Microsoft Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards is judged on two components:

- The content and quality of the paper submission – this will be distributed to conference delegates and the judges.
- The quality of information presented during the 25 minute "dragons' den" pitch and question time.

Both the written and presented components of the submission should concentrate on service achievements and how the applicants' inventive solutions have made a difference to an organisation or key customer group.

Microsoft Excellence Award Submission Forms should be submitted no later than **5pm Friday the 24th June 2016**. Initial submissions will require a brief resumé of the presenter, presenter photo and a 100-200 word abstract of the presentation.

We urge you to get your submissions in early. Please forward your abstracts to Icon Conference and Event Management Ltd by email at office@iconevents.co.nz



Presentation Timing and Focus

All Microsoft Tertiary ICT Excellence Award finalists will be given a 25 minute slot on the conference programme. Presentations are 15 minutes, followed by 10 minutes to answer questions from the judging panel and audience.

The presentation is the innovation pitch - focus just on the innovation and outcomes. Questions and answers are scored, so come prepared!

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- Entry is open to all conference delegates involved in the Tertiary Sector; whether an individual, team or institution.
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- You may submit as many nominations as you like.
- The judges' decision will be final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into. Judging of the award categories is undertaken without reference/bias of existing conference sponsors.
- The \$3000 award money is in the form of a cheque or bank transfer to the winning institution. These will not be made out to the individual presenters.
- The Award winners will be announced at the Microsoft Tertiary ICT Excellence Awards Gala Dinner to be held on the **6th of October 2016** as part of this year's conference.
- Entries are to be within the defined categories.