



## **IGNITE the Spark 2022**

*Theme: Equity and Excellence | Creating Opportunities*

Friday 2 September 2022, Online Conference 9AM – 4PM

Ignite the Spark is a collaboration between GERRIC at the UNSW School of Education and the NSW Department of Education. This annual conference focuses on approaches to supporting high potential and gifted students across all domains in the context of the classroom, the whole school, and the wider community.

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The conference organising committee invites proposals from researchers, educators, policymakers, and practitioners in the area of high potential and gifted education.

In particular, we welcome proposals relating to the conference theme of “Equity and Excellence: Creating Opportunities”, broadly defined. As such, proposals are being sought on topics including, but not limited to, the promotion of excellence and the creation of opportunities for the diverse range of high potential and gifted students, including from the following groups:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Low socio-economic backgrounds
- Diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds
- Regional/rural and remote backgrounds
- High potential and gifted students with disability (twice/multi-exceptional)
- Those who may be at risk

Proposals that do not have a direct link to the conference theme, but are nevertheless relevant to the provision of support for high potential and gifted students will also be considered.

All stakeholders in the provision of support for high potential and gifted students, across all domains, all school levels, and all school sectors are invited to make a submission.

## PRESENTATION FORMATS

All proposal submissions will be peer-reviewed. To ensure a balanced program, please note that we may request a change in the presentation format prior to acceptance.

- **Research Paper or Practical Project Presentation:** An oral presentation on a research study or a practical project. The presentation will last for 45-minutes, comprising a 30-minute oral presentation and 15 minutes for questions.
- **Pre-formed Panel Presentation:** A discussion among a small group of panellists about a central topic or issue. The presentation time will vary depending on the nature of the proposal (please indicate the desired time period in the proposal).
- **Poster:** A visual presentation that combines a mix of text, tables, graphs and pictures. Technical specifications will be provided upon acceptance.
- **Pecha Kucha:** A fast-paced, multiple speaker format of presentation in which each presenter presents on 20 slides for 20 seconds each for a total of six minutes and 40 seconds. Presentations will be separated by audience discussion/Q&A to facilitate learning.

## AUDIENCE

All proposals must clearly address a specific audience across three dimensions:

<b>1. Level of expertise of audience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Novice (new to high potential and gifted education, and/or has less than 4 years teaching experience)</li> <li>• Intermediate (some study in the area such as COGE and/or teaching experience of 4-10 years)</li> <li>• Expert (Masters level study and/or significant professional experience of more than 10 years)</li> </ul>
<b>2. School level of audience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood</li> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Secondary</li> <li>• K-12</li> </ul>
<b>3. Role of audience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom teacher</li> <li>• School leader</li> <li>• Academic/researcher</li> <li>• School counsellor/psychologist</li> </ul>

## SUBMISSION OF AN ABSTRACT

Please prepare and submit an abstract of 200 words and a short bio of 150-200 words to [education.events@unsw.edu.au](mailto:education.events@unsw.edu.au) no later than Friday 8 July 2022. The **early bird due date** is Friday 17 June 2022.

Please be mindful of the following:

- All submissions must clearly indicate the proposed title, format, and target audience.
- All presentations (and handouts where applicable) must be non-commercial in nature, and any information should be provided to attendees without the requirement to purchase any materials or products. While it is acceptable to note the source of supporting materials, the presentation should not represent a sales pitch or a product showcase.
- Presenters have the option, and are encouraged, to submit an electronic copy of their presentation and/or handout materials. These materials will be made available to attendees after the conference.