



# IMPROVING UNIVERSITY TEACHING

JUNE 27-29, 2018 — PORT MACQUARIE AUSTRALIA

We are pleased to announce the 43rd annual IUT conference, hosted by the **Charles Sturt University in Port Macquarie, Australia**. Conference dates are **June 27-29, 2018**.



## Our 2018 Conference Theme: New Spaces for Learning

The International Conference on Improving University Teaching (IUT) invites you to join us for our 43rd annual forum, focused on the theme “New Spaces for Learning: Opportunities and Challenges for Innovative Teaching” and hosted by Charles Sturt University, in Port Macquarie, Australia. Conference dates are 27-29 June 2018.

For today’s students, learning no longer takes place in the classroom alone. MOOCs, student internships, blended learning, and collaborative research with faculty in laboratories or in the field have all expanded the educational setting far beyond the traditional lecture hall or seminar room. At the same time, the teaching best suited to these new venues remains a subject of discussion and even disagreement. Our 2018 conference offers an opportunity to explore the varieties of instruction best suited to these new learning spaces, while at the same time addressing problems they may entail.

The conference program over three days will include plenary sessions, interactive workshops, symposia, posters, and roundtables, as well as refereed papers—all organized around the subthemes listed below. We hope you can join us in Port Macquarie as we reflect, discuss, debate and explore these issues among peers, leaders, practitioners, and researchers.

### We invite contributions on the following subthemes:

- Adapting to new learning spaces—resistance and remedies
- Using online-blended teaching strategies for student learning
- Assessment in face-to-face, online, and blended environments
- Promise and pitfalls of Learning Analytics
- Faculty development for teaching beyond the classroom
- Recent research on learning in new spaces

**The deadline for proposal submission is Friday, February 9, 2018.**  
**Presenters will be notified of our decision by or before March 9th 2018**

<http://www.iutconference.com/>



## Information Required for 2018 IUT Conference Proposals

When you submit a conference proposal on the IUT website, you will be asked to provide information about the following items, some of which may require preparation beforehand. Therefore we suggest that you read through this list prior to going online with your proposal. We also request that you adhere to the suggested length restrictions (e.g. “15 words,” etc.). Excessive proposal length tends to make the reviewers grumpy.

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1. Contact information for ALL presenters involved in the proposal
2. Preferred format and length of presentation, ranking choices as appropriate:
  - Paper presentation
  - 90-minute workshop
  - 60-minute workshop
  - Roundtable
  - Digital showcase
  - Poster presentation
3. Title (maximum length 15 words)
4. Proposal abstract (maximum 100 words)—to be printed in the conference program.
5. Session description (maximum 500 words)—an opportunity for you to expand on the abstract with additional information concerning your submission.
6. Choice of subtheme:
  - Adapting to new learning spaces—resistance and remedies
  - Using online-blended teaching strategies for student learning
  - Assessment in face-to-face, online, and blended environments
  - Promise and pitfalls of Learning Analytics
  - Faculty development for teaching beyond the classroom
  - Recent research on learning in new spaces
7. Describe your active learning exercises (intended for workshop presenters ONLY). What will you expect participants to do?
8. 3-5 learning objectives for Workshops and Breakfast Roundtables
9. What ONE reference from published literature do you consider to be the primary reference that supports the content you wish to present. (This does NOT need to be a work you yourself have published.)
10. Up to 4 additional citations or references upon which your session material is based.

**NOTE:** Details and suggestions about the formats for the six different types of conference presentation are available at the IUT website, [www.iutconference.com](http://www.iutconference.com). Simply pull down the “Participation” menu at the top of the home page to find information relevant to your preferred format. **If you have further questions after reading the descriptions presented on the “Participation” menu, please contact Jim Wilkinson at [iutconference@gmail.com](mailto:iutconference@gmail.com).**