



Student Forum organising committee:

Call for Expressions of Interest

First held in 2009, the [Research for Development Impact \(RDI\) Conference 2019](#) is the 7th in a series hosted by the RDI Network. This year's co-host university partner is La Trobe University.

The main purpose of the conference is to share insights and promote collaboration and partnerships among NGOs, universities and other actors within the international development research community.

This year's conference theme will be **Leadership for Inclusive Development** - seeking to unpack different types of leadership and how it can be exercised to advance social change.

Students are a key constituency of the RDI Network, and we extend a special opportunity for them to be involved in the conference through the hosting of a Student Forum as a side event. This year's forum will be held on **11th June 2019** at **La Trobe University Bundoora campus**.

We are currently inviting Expressions of Interest (Eoi) from students who are interested in joining the organising committee of the Student Forum.

About the Student Committee

The student committee of 10-15 members will represent universities around Australia, and will work with assistance and mentoring from the RDI Conference organising committee and La Trobe University to:

- ◆ set the strategic direction relating to the Forum program and speakers;
- ◆ draft relevant documentation including: thematic overview and concept note, running sheets and final program;
- ◆ approach potential sponsors, invite speakers and promote the Forum to students;
- ◆ act as organisers, facilitators and MCs on the day of the Forum; and
- ◆ assist the host university with logistics and media

The student committee members will regularly contribute to planning discussions online via e-mail or equivalent and may be required to join occasional meetings via Skype. The duration of the commitment will be from January to June 2019.

Students who volunteer will be duly recognised and acknowledged on conference materials and will receive free registration to both the conference and the Student Forum.

About the Student Forum

The 'Leadership for Inclusive Development' theme aims to explore both what leadership is and what it does from diverse perspectives. We see leadership as having individual, collective and society-wide dimensions, thus allowing personal and global perspectives to be addressed at the same time.

The purpose of the Student Forum is to create a participatory space for students to:

- ◆ Contribute to discussions and debates on Leadership for Inclusive Development; and
- ◆ Identify what actions can be taken forward by students.

Participants in the Student Forum will include both domestic and international students and the Forum will be open to both undergraduate and postgraduate students with an interest in global development, sustainable development, humanitarian assistance and social justice.

How to get involved

If you are interested in joining the student organising committee for the Student Forum, please submit an Expression of Interest by **18 January 2019** including:

- ◆ Your name, university and course title
- ◆ A brief motivation letter addressing the selection criteria below (1 page max.)
- ◆ A short CV

Selection criteria for membership of the student committee includes:

- ◆ the ability to commit significant time to participation in committee meetings, and to attending the conference and forum in Melbourne (travel will not be covered);
- ◆ an active knowledge of or interest in international development or inclusive development;
- ◆ experience or interest in event organisation; and
- ◆ being a current student at an Australian university.

For more information about this call and to submit a completed Expression of Interest, please contact Diana Heatherich at D.Heatherich@latrobe.edu.au by 18 January 2019.

For more information about the conference, visit the website: www.rdiconference2019.org.au.

Please share this call with other students you know who may be interested.