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The Dairy Research Foundation's
2021 Symposium
Emerging dairy
scientists' program

November 17th and 18th 2021

Online

Initial Inquiries and Submissions to

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What is the Dairy Research Foundation Symposium?

- A showcase of dairy science in action
- One of the **largest** dairy events in Australia and by far the major dairy event in New South Wales bringing together 200+ delegates including farmers and the broader dairy community
- Attracting delegates from across the dairy industry, with the majority of attendees being farmers, the Symposium is the perfect opportunity to gain exposure.
- Consistently rated highly in closing surveys with over 95% of attendees rating the Symposium as 'excellent' or 'very good'
 - *'Very informative with great people and ideas'*
 - *'It is a first class event I get tremendous benefit from'*
- Last year we hosted the first online DRF symposium – which was well received by attendees:
 - *'Great format, so time efficient. It was good doing two mornings as opposed to one big day. Online option should be available each year. Duration perfect.'*
 - *'Fantastic. Loved that we could participate. We saved time by not having to leave the farm to attend while still accessing the latest information. There should be more of this.'*
 - *'I really liked being able to attend this symposium without the hassles of travel. Timing and duration was really good.'*

The Event

The Dairy Research Foundation's signature event, the annual Symposium, is widely recognised throughout the Australian dairy industry as a showcase of dairy science in action.

The Symposium brings together dairy farm and scientific communities, with a special focus on nurturing and developing young and emerging scientists, creating linkages with the farm sector.

This year's Symposium will **"Zoom Into Dairying"**

The Program

In 2021 we will be hosting the DRF symposium online on ZOOM. This will be held across two half days (November 17th and 18th 2021).

Day 1 will present an update on the *Dairy UP* program and feature a session on *De-Risking the Dairy Industry*. On Day 2 we will focus on *Farming your Team: A world of Perspectives*, and will feature **the Emerging Scientists Program**.



The Emerging Scientists Program

This has been a highlight of every DRF Symposium! We showcase the research of a select few emerging dairy scientists in what we regard to be a unique professional development opportunity.

The feature event will be a presentation focusing on their dairy research project, the relevance to the Australian dairy industry and how the work may be integrated at a farm level. Each scientist will have **five minutes** to deliver their presentation followed by some time for questions and discussions.

What type of projects are we after?

The whole philosophy of the Foundation is to nurture emerging dairy scientists. If you are working on a project relevant to the Australian dairy industry, with the capacity to have a positive impact on dairy farm productivity and sustainability- then it is relevant to this event.

Expression of interest and abstracts are due by **Sunday 10th October**. This allows for the selection and organisation of speakers.



What is the process for participation in the Symposium's Emerging Dairy Scientists' Program?

1. Complete and lodge the expression of interest form (including a photograph and a brief – max 2 paragraph – bio) form and abstract (see template below) by **Sunday October 10th**
2. Successful applicants will be notified by **Friday October 15th**
3. Successful applicants need to confirm acceptance to participate in the 2021 Emerging Scientist Competition and that they will attend the DRF Symposium, by **Wednesday October 20th**
4. The final abstracts will be made available to delegates on the DRF website
5. Candidates will prepare a 1 minute promotional video encouraging people to join the Symposium and attend the emerging scientist presentations. This video must be submitted by **Friday October 29th** and will be shared on our social media platforms. Be creative and inspiring! Show your lab, your tools, material, cows, milk, paddocks or whatever you think will get people's attention!
6. Candidates will deliver their 5-min presentation via ZOOM on Day 2 (**Thursday November 18th**). You can use powerpoint, or other multimedia presentation tools. Remember there will be some time for questions and discussion after the presentations. If you have questions about the suitability of your presentation method, please get in touch with Sabrina or Nicolas in advance.
7. There will be prizes awarded for *Best Abstract*, *Best Promotional Video* and *Best Presentation*, to be announced at the completion of Day 2.



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Emerging Dairy Scientists' Program

Application and Abstract Form

Please complete this form and your abstract template and return by Email to sabrina.lomax@sydney.edu.au by Sunday 10th October 2021

Name:

Institution:

Email:

Mobile:

Formal Title (project name) of proposed presentation:

Supervisor:

Short bio (max 2 paragraphs):

Marketing Title of Proposed Platform Presentation: Note this is an essential requirement. The formal title of your work as per the enclosed abstract template, will most likely *not* be the title used in the promotional brochure aimed at farmers, if your abstract is selected. Therefore, please ensure you provide appropriate thought into suggesting a marketing title of your work, so this can be used should it be chosen for presentation:

Commitment:

Please confirm you have attached a picture:

Please confirm that you can meet all deadlines and commitments outlined on page four, including the provision of a promotional video by **Friday 29th October:**

PLEASE REFER TO THE ABSTRACT TEMPLATE BELOW

Word Template Abstract for the Emerging Scientist Submissions to the DRF Symposium Proceedings

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Abstract. 300 words maximum, should include objectives, methodology, results, discussion and conclusion as per standard peer-reviewed scientific abstract.

Can include one figure, table or graphic if required.

Additional keywords: 5 keywords maximum