

Rapid Fire Session FAQ

How long are the Presentations? Each speaker is allowed three minutes and three slides to communicate their research or work in any Earth Science field. Presentations will be pre-recorded, and slides must not have transitions or animations.

Am I Eligible? The competition is open to all Early Career Earth Scientists who have worked in the field for 5 years or less (exclusive of career breaks) as well as Honours, Masters and PhD students.

How can I Register? You can register at <https://www.aesconvention.com.au/rapid-fire-session/> before the 30th of October.

Do I have to submit an abstract? Abstracts are not required; however, participants must be registered to attend AESC 2021.

Do I have to register for the AESC? Registrants need to submit a talk title and a one to two sentence description of the subject matter.

What is in it for me? Employers across all sectors are looking for people with excellent communication skills. Being able to succinctly summarise your work is an essential skill.

Will there be a prize? Sponsorship is anticipated to allow the award of a first prize sufficient to fund attendance at an overseas conference. We anticipate one prize in the Early Career (5 years or less of working in the field) category and another for students (Hons/MSc/PhD status at a tertiary institution). There may be runner-up prizes as well, depending on the number of participants.

What are the judges looking for? The following broad criteria will be used by the judges:

1. Has the speaker clearly enunciated the scientific question or problem investigated?
2. Was the research undertaken novel or challenging, and were the key results clearly outlined?
3. Quality and effectiveness of the 3 slides presented

I'm not a geologist, can I still register?

Yes, absolutely the AESC is for all facets of Earth Science. We are hoping to have a diverse range of presentations from all aspects of Earth Science.