



## 2024 Annual Conference

### Day 1: Tuesday 22 October (ANU, Birch Building)

9:45 – 10:45 am	Arrive for morning tea & networking
10:45 – 10:50 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Acknowledgements: Setting the stage for the conference</b> <i>Conference MC: Tony Willis, ACDS Executive Director</i>
10:50 – 11:00 am	<b>President's welcome</b> <i>Melissa Brown, President ACDS</i>
11:00 – 11:30 am	<b>'Science as an enabler to a connected research ecosystem</b> <b>Sharath Sriram</b> President Science & Technology Australia
11:30 – 12:00 pm	<b>Nigel McGinty</b> Chief Technology Officer Science Strategy, Communications and International Engagement Defence Science and Technology Group
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<b>Communicating the value proposition of university science</b> (Interactive panel discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anthony McGregor, Head of Division – Science Department of Industry, Science and Resources</li><li>• Sarah Tynan, Head of Policy, Science &amp; Technology Australia</li><li>• Peter Derbyshire, Director Policy &amp; Government Relations, ATSE</li></ul> <i>Chair: Brian Yates (UTas), ACDS Immediate Past President, Chair ACDS Strategic Communications Advisory Group</i>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Unstructured Networking Lunch</b>
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Three Dean's Perspectives: Key Issues in University Science Institutionally and Nationally</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marcel Dinger, Executive Dean of Science (USyd), ACDS Executive</li><li>• Julianne O'Reilly-Wapstra, Dean, School of Natural Sciences (UTas)</li><li>• Megan Smith, Executive Dean, Faculty of Science and Health (CSU)</li></ul> <i>Chair: Shaun Collin (La Trobe University), ACDS Secretary/Treasurer (Acting)</i>
3:00 – 4:00 pm	<b>Networking and Afternoon Tea</b>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<b>Integrating First Nations knowledges, history, and culture in science curricula</b> (Interactive panel discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anne Martin, Director of the Tjabal Centre, ANU</li><li>• Joe Sambono, Professor of Practice in Indigenous Australian Perspectives, QUT</li><li>• Corey Tutt, CEO of Deadly Science and Adjunct Associate Professor of Indigenous sciences, Western Sydney University</li></ul> <i>Chair: Susan Howitt (ANU), Director ACDS Teaching &amp; Learning Centre</i>
5:00 – 5:15 pm	<b>Wrap of Day 1 - Tony Willis</b>
(6.30 drinks) 7:00 – 10:00 pm	<b>Dinner: National Museum of Australia</b> <b>Speaker: Doug Hilton, CEO CSIRO</b>

## Day 2: Wednesday 23 October

9:00 – 9:30 am	Coffee on arrival and networking
9:30 – 10:00 am	<b>Ian Langford</b> Executive Director, Security and Defence PLS
10:00 – 10:30 am	<b><i>University Science and the policy agenda: A conversation with Senator David Pocock</i></b> David Pocock, Senator for the ACT  <i>Chair: Katrina Falkner (University of Adelaide), ACDS Executive Committee</i>
10:30 – 11:00 am	<b>Morning tea</b>
11:00 – 11:30 am	<b>Steve Wesselingh</b> CEO National Health & Medical Research Council
11:30 – 12:30 pm	<b><i>Research translation and the university-industry nexus (Interactive panel discussion)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natalie Chapman, Gemaker</li> <li>• Drew Menzies-McVey, Australia's Economic Accelerator, Research Division, Australian Government Department of Education</li> <li>• Dr Erin Evans, CEO InGeNA</li> </ul> <i>Chair: John Bartlett, Director ACDS National Research Network</i>
12:30 – 1:00 pm	<b>ACDS Strategic Priorities: Reflecting on Progress and Shaping the Future</b> <i>Melissa Brown</i>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Working lunch: Emerging priorities in university science</b> Table x Table Reflections: Key issues and insights from Conference Participants.
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Report on Working lunch Table Discussions</b>  <i>Chair: Adam Trevitt (UoW), ACDS Executive Committee</i>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<b>Celebrating 30 years of the ACDS in 2025</b> <i>Brian Yates</i>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	<b>Conference Insights: Key takeaways and emerging issues in University Science</b> <i>Melissa Brown</i>
3:30 – 3:45 pm	<b>Next steps and conference close</b>