

Faculty of Science

Early Career Academic Research Summit

2026 Conference Program



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| 08:30 - 09:00 Registration | | | |
| Opening Session - Forum 1 (Chair: Sophie Selby-Pham) | | | |
| 09:00 - 09:05 Opening Announcements & Acknowledgement of Country | | | |
| 09:05 - 09:35 Plenary Speaker: Michael-Shawn Fletcher | | | |
| 09:35 - 09:55 Invited Speaker(s): Teaching ECAs: 1st Year Chemistry Team | | | |
| Morning Session | | | |
| Time | Stream 1 (Chair: Mandy Freund) | Stream 2 (Chair: Marcus Giansiracusa) | Stream 3 (Chair: Age Zanca) |
| Venue | Forum 1 | Forum 2 | Forum 3 |
| 10:00-10:20 | Invited Speaker: Dr Jose Nathanael School of Chemistry | Invited Speaker: Dr Mia Cobb Melbourne Veterinary School | Invited Speaker: Dr Tessa Toubourou School of Agriculture, Food & Ecosystem Sciences |
| 10:20-10:35 | Speaker: Elisabeth Vogel SGEAS | Speaker: Ben Harris Biosciences | Speaker: June Yong Chemistry |
| 10:35-10:50 | Speaker: Dale Lonsdale Chemistry | Speaker: Declan Lafferty Biosciences | Speaker: Phuong Nguyen SAFES |
| 10:50-11:20 | Morning Tea - The Lab and Launch Pad | | |
| Midday Session | | | |
| Time | Stream 1 (Chair: Robert Ryan) | Stream 2 (Chair: Rose Macaulay) | Stream 3 (Chair: Zahra Islam) |
| Venue | Forum 1 | Forum 2 | Forum 3 |
| 11:20-11:40 | Invited Speaker: Dr Kristoffer Wild School of Biosciences | Invited Speaker: Dr Jamie Burton School of Agriculture, Food & Ecosystem Sciences | Invited Speaker: Dr Hayden Dalton School of Geography, Earth, and Atmos. Sciences |
| 11:40-11:55 | Shamali Antoni Baduge (MVS) | Liang Ze (SAFES) | Elena Kaminskaja (Biosciences) |
| | Hasitha Disanayaka Mudiyanse (MVS) | Chathuri Rodrigo (MVS) | Tulsi Ram Gombo (MVS) |
| | Lok Hang Chan (SAFES) | Belay Mino (SGEAS) | |
| 11:55-12:10 | Speaker: Joshua Forrest Maths and Stats | Speaker: Ben Teo Maths and Stats | Speaker: Giovanni Dalla Valle Garcia Physics |
| 12:10-12:25 | Speaker: Mina Barzegaramiriolya Physics | Speaker: Naveen Vankadari Biosciences | Speaker: Veronique Paris Biosciences |
| 12:25-12:40 | Speaker: Manuel Poretti Biosciences | Speaker: Saini Samim SGEAS | Speaker: Israporn Sethanant SGEAS |
| 12:40-12:55 | Speaker: Benjamin Wagner SAFES | Speaker: Ashkan Pakzad Physics | Speaker: Kona Adhikary MVS |
| 12:55-14:00 | Lunch - The Lab and Launch Pad | | |
| Afternoon Session | | | |
| Time | Stream 1 (Chair: Caitlyn Perry) | Stream 2 (Chair: Ashkan Pakzad) | Stream 3 (Chair: Evelyn Huang) |
| Venue | Forum 1 | Forum 2 | Forum 3 |
| 14:00-14:20 | Invited Speaker: Dr Nisha Mehta School of Chemistry | Invited Speaker: Dr Jason Jung School of Physics | Invited Speaker: Dr Ritu Taneja School of Mathematics and Statistics |
| 14:20-14:35 | Bridget Walker (Biosciences) | Putu Henrywaesa Sudipa (MVS) | Nirmal Raj Rajendran (SAFES) |
| | Bethany Kiss (SAFES) | Ishara Pathirage (SGEAS) | Dillani Putri Ramadhanyngtyas (SAFES) |
| 14:35-14:50 | Speaker: Amy Smith SAFES | Speaker: Robert Ryan SGEAS | Speaker: Owen Holland Biosciences |
| 14:50-15:05 | Speaker: Guillermo Garcia Gimenez SAFES | Speaker: Tahnee Burke SGEAS | Speaker: Philippa Bell SAFES |
| 15:05-15:20 | Speaker: Bea Kirk MVS | Speaker: Kaan Ocal Biosciences | Speaker: Anna Wittwer SAFES |
| 15:20-15:35 | Speaker: Li Bi SAFES | Speaker: Abdul Ghafar MVS | Speaker: Mia Tam SAFES |
| 15:35-16:00 | Afternoon Tea - The Lab and Launch Pad | | |
| Closing Session (Session Chair: Sophie Selby-Pham) | | | |
| 16:00-16:15 | Christina Ward (Science Library) | | |
| 16:15-16:30 | Nathan Dorey, Ellie Freeman, Claire Smoorenburg (Science Communications and Marketing team) | | |
| 16:30-16:45 | Lucy Zhan (RDU) | | |
| 16:45-17:00 | Closing address by Prof. Moira O'Bryan (Dean - Faculty of Science) and Presentation of Awards | | |