

ABP Symposium 2027

What is the ABP Symposium?

The **ABP Symposium** is an annual opportunity to highlight the research capacity, leadership and/or activity of Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning staff - its multidisciplinary perspectives reflective of the scope and depth of the ABP research community. By connecting with the core themes of the ABP strategic plan as a dynamic and distinctive destination providing world class teaching and research, the **ABP Symposium** offers a celebration of our achievements but also a chance to lead conversations, and position our research within the context of global discourse about the natural and built environments.

In addition to celebrating our research, the **ABP Symposium** is a valuable mechanism through which to bridge research and teaching with industry and government. As such, it is important that the **ABP Symposium** content reflect real-world issues and themes and strive to build connections with a diverse range of external partners and stakeholders.

Furthermore, in support of the University and ABP's commitment to supporting diversity and inclusion, the **ABP Symposium** must also aim to ensure a fair and equitable selection process which allows for diverse content and novel forms of communication and engagement.

First launched in 2018, our Faculty has supported six symposia:

2018: [Go Back to Where You Came From - Past | Present | Future | Indigenous Design Symposium](#)

2019: [Transformations: Action on Equity Symposium](#)

2020: [Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change and Cities](#)

2021: [The Housing Assembly](#)

2022: [Future Design Research Symposium - Experiments, Disruptions, Affordances](#)

2023: [Retrofit](#)

2024: Climate Action in Cities

2025: Designing Learning Spaces for Neurodiversity and Disability

Key criteria

- The program should include (but is not limited to) content such as talks, panel discussions and workshops.
- The program should reflect all ABP disciplines.
- The symposium may be a face-to-face or hybrid event.
- The outcome of the symposium would be showcased appropriately (publication, exhibition, proceedings, follow on events).

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- It is expected that different academic staff lead the symposium every year and that a significant number of disciplines will participate and be represented in the symposium.
- The symposium is recommended to be held out of the semester teaching periods.

What is the Faculty Symposium selection process?

- The conduct of the **ABP Symposium** will be awarded to a group with a single academic lead following an equitable selection process by the ABP Engagement Committee with specific consultation with the Dean prior to decision-making.
- ABP staff (either as an individual or group with an academic lead), who would like to lead the symposium for a particular year, should submit a proposal setting out their case when the Faculty Engagement Committee makes the open call.
- The proposals will be evaluated based on the following weighted criteria:
 - Relevant thematic [40%] - Themes will reflect important / significant matters of research and debate with relevance to all built environment disciplines within ABP. Themes should also allow for all/most of the ABP disciplines to contribute. For example, 'global impact' - 'housing' - 'climate action'.
 - Feasibility [20%] - The scope of the proposal is deemed viable by the Faculty Engagement Committee and takes into account the timeline and additional workload.
 - Program Structure [10%] - innovation, integration of multiple disciplines, cohesiveness of the various themes, potential participants/ speakers.
 - External Engagement [10%] - involvement of different stakeholders, collaborators, industry, public, government, for example.
 - Internal Engagement [10%] - The proposal clearly provides opportunity for ABP faculty members who are operating outside of funded research hubs. Involvement with the University community including students and other Faculties from the University.
 - Impact Potential [10%] - outcome documents, contributions to the different public, government, private and other stakeholders.

Expressions of Interest

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Preferred Start Date

Alternate Start Date

Must be a date.

Brief Project Description *

Must be no more than 500 words.

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Resources

What resources will be required to support planned activities? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Resources could include lecture theatres, Maker Spaces support, or exhibition space.

If you require exhibition or gallery space, you will need to obtain approval from the MSD Exhibitions Team. Please visit [here](#) if you wish to apply for the Dulux Gallery.

Events Management

Please note: Development of the program for the visiting fellow is the responsibility of the host.

Administrative support provided by professional staff will be limited to travel logistics and events management.

Outcomes

What are the expected outcomes of the Symposium? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Budget - Expenditure

A total budget allocation of **\$40,000 AUD** is allocated for the 2027 Symposium. Applicants are encouraged to seek additional funding from external sources and/or partner institutions. For more information on the Symposium, the EOI process and selection criteria

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visit the ABP intranet: <https://staff.unimelb.edu.au/abp/engagement-marketing-and-communications/public-programs-and-eoi-processes/abp-symposium2>

To add expenditure line items please click on the '+' button on the right side.

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Budget Totals

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Budget - Income

Have you sought additional funding from external sources and/or partner institutions?

If yes, please provide details below.

Income	\$
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Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

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Outcomes

Deadline and selection process for the 2027 program:

- Applications open Monday, 4 May 2026
- Applications close Friday, 5 June 2026 at 5 pm
- Outcome advised beginning **August (2026)**