

# Applied Coaching Research Conference 2019: Shaping the Future of Coaching



UK Coaching is hosting the second Applied Coaching Research Conference at Derby County Football Club on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Research is an essential tool to inform the ongoing development of coaching. Therefore, the aim of the conference is to bridge the gap between research and practice by enabling researchers and practitioners to come together to learn, share and collaborate. The conference will provide the opportunity for individuals to share findings from on-going research projects, learn about the latest evidence in coaching and discover new innovative ways to conduct research.

## Theme for the conference

In 2019, our theme is **Shaping the Future of Coaching**. The conference will explore the latest innovations in coaching research and demonstrate how research is being used to shape the future of coaching. We are particularly interested in receiving submissions that translate research into practice and focus on:

- Innovative coaching practice
- Coach experience and well-being
- Contemporary learning solutions

## Who is the conference for?

The conference is for anyone involved or interested in research including: system managers and policy makers; coaches and coach developers; students, researchers and academics.

## Call for submissions

We invite submissions from researchers who would like to present their research at the conference in February 2019. We also welcome submissions from anyone who has captured fascinating insight from a project or programme. There will be an opportunity to present in discovery style sessions and/or share your work as a poster. Submissions need to demonstrate how your work fits into the themes identified above along with the practical application of your work.

## Discovery sessions

We would like sessions to be delivered in one of two styles to provide delegates with the opportunity to experience research, develop knowledge and feel challenged:

### **1. Mini training sessions**

The mini-training sessions will educate delegates on a particular topic or research methodology. We are particularly interested in submissions relating to innovative research methodologies or coaching practices. Mini training sessions should be developmental and interactive, ensuring delegates develop new knowledge and have the opportunity to apply their learning during the session.

### **2. Research showcase**

Research showcase sessions will demonstrate research and its application to the real world. These sessions will showcase research projects taking place in the field and the lessons learned in practice. We are particularly interested in submissions that can demonstrate how the research will physically make a difference to coaching or reflections of applied practice.

Each discovery session will last 40 minutes (including five minutes for questions) and may involve more than one presenter (depending on the nature of the research). Our preference is for discovery sessions to involve a maximum of two presenters. If you wish to involve more than two presenters, please get in touch to discuss this option.

**Please note:** only one presenter in each discovery session will be able to attend the conference free of charge. Additional presenters will be expected to pay the delegate rate of £75 early bird or £95 inclusive of VAT.

## Poster sessions

Why not share your insight via a poster as well as presenting a discovery session? Poster sessions will provide individuals with the opportunity to present their research visually, enabling delegates to become quickly acquainted with the topic. Posters will be visible all day and opportunities will be provided during the breaks for delegates to exchange innovative ideas and informally discuss the posters. Posters should be self-explanatory, visually stimulating in design and convey clear aims and outcomes. On acceptance, presenters will be provided with guidelines on how to prepare a simple, easy-to-read and well-illustrated poster.

**Please note:** there will be no discount for poster presenters unless they are also delivering a discovery session.

## Timelines

Presenters are advised to make themselves aware of the following deadlines:

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| Submissions open                    | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August    |
| Deadline for submissions            | Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Notification of submission outcomes | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September |

## Submission guidelines

The following guidance is provided for those wishing to submit a proposal to the 2019 Applied Coaching Research Conference.

- Your submission will be required to cover the following:
  - Background- purpose/objectives of your **research** (100 words max)
  - Relevance- description of your **research** and how it links to the chosen theme (150 words max)
  - Outcomes- anticipated key learning outcomes of the **research/ session** that delegates should take away including lessons learned, practical applications and next steps. Please outline specific ways in which your **research** will make a difference to coaching (100 words max)
  - For discovery sessions, you will also be required to indicate the **purpose** and **relevance** of your **session**, how the session will be delivered and method(s) of participant involvement
- The deadline for submissions is midnight on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September
- You can submit your discovery session and/or poster presentation via:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UKCoaching\\_ResearchConference2019](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UKCoaching_ResearchConference2019)
- Each submission will be blind-reviewed by two reviewers
- Acceptance decisions will be provided by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September
- All presenters will need to confirm attendance at the conference by 5pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

If after reading this guidance, you have any questions about the submission process or you would like to discuss your ideas for a session, please email

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