

## Explaining your research - especially to yourself!

This workshop is part of the [Early Career Researcher Program](#) at CDU.

As a researcher, it is important to be able to explain what your work is fundamentally about. This is critical for effective communication, both to your scientific peers and to the public. However, it is especially important for yourself, to provide the necessary focus to make your research the best it can be, and for it to have maximum impact. Science communication is all about telling a compelling narrative of what you are doing, why you are doing it, what you have found, and why it matters. This is the same whether you are talking to your friends or writing a scientific paper for a high-impact journal. This session will help you understand and articulate what your research is fundamentally about, why it is important, what you have found and what your findings mean. It will give your research greater clarity and focus, and it will provide the structure for most effectively writing it up. It will also help you impress your family and friends when they ask what you do!

The session will be based around answering seven critical questions for explaining research:

1. What is your research fundamentally about? (1 sentence)
2. Why is this important? (2-3 sentences)
3. What is your key question? (1 sentence)
4. How are you addressing it (study approach)? (1-2 sentences)
5. What have you found? (1-2 sentences)
6. How is this novel? (1 sentences)
7. What are the broader implications of your findings? (1-2 sentences)

***Please bring to the workshop your answers in relation to either a paper you are currently working on.*** The sentence limits must be strictly adhered to!

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Date:	Tuesday 31 August	Time:	9:30am to 12:30pm ACST
Format	Face to Face	Max attendees	6 - 8
Presenter Profile	<p><a href="#">Prof Alan Andersen</a>, CDU Professorial Fellow Research Excellence and Impact. Prof Andersen is an experienced researcher, research leader and science communicator who is Associate Editor of three international journals, has published &gt;250 scientific papers, delivered hundreds of conference presentations and seminars, and has extensive media experience.</p> 		