

IGL Research Meeting May 2019 - Call for Abstracts

Trials on innovation, entrepreneurship and growth

Nesta's [Innovation Growth Lab \(IGL\)](#), in partnership with the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the World Bank Group, the Max Planck Institute and the Laboratory for Innovation Science at Harvard, will hold its annual [Global Conference](#) in Berlin, Germany from 21-23 May 2019. The conference will showcase the latest trends and cutting-edge ideas in innovation, entrepreneurship and growth policy, and will examine the power of experimentation to transform them.

As part of the conference, we welcome submissions to the [IGL Research Meeting](#) held on **21 May 2019**. The meeting provides a forum to present academic research that uses experimental methods to explore the drivers of innovation, entrepreneurship and growth, and to test potential interventions to accelerate these. The meeting features Prof. Florian Englmaier (LMU) as keynote speaker.

Call for Abstracts

We are inviting researchers to submit abstracts on **field experiments/randomised controlled trials (RCTs)** exploring the best approaches to increase innovation, support high-growth entrepreneurship and accelerate business growth. We also welcome abstracts for **review papers** synthesising evidence or drawing on generalizable lessons learned.

We encourage abstracts on research at different stages of completion, offering an opportunity to present and receive highly valuable feedback on **early-stage as well as ongoing or completed work**.

We invite submissions of abstracts on the following themes:

- **Science and innovation**

Including: encouraging innovation processes (e.g. open innovation, challenge prizes, etc.), models for technology transfer from universities (e.g. innovation vouchers, incentives for researchers), networks and collaboration (e.g. peer-learning, networking capabilities), different ways to accelerate scientific development, intellectual property, support for different forms of innovation (social, organisational, technological), development of innovation skills, infrastructure support for innovative companies and innovative procurement.

- **Entrepreneurship and business growth**

Including: SME capacity development, the development of entrepreneurship ecosystems, stimulation of inclusiveness and diversity in entrepreneurship, access to skills and talent, access to finance schemes, investment readiness programmes, female entrepreneurship, the impact of accelerators (or other peer-based or cohort programmes), mentoring and advice for startups or SMEs, local policies for entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship education and other business support schemes.

Please note that the topics described under each theme above do not restrict possible topics, so abstracts covering topics relating to the themes but not explicitly mentioned are also welcome.

Important Dates

11 February 2019

1 March 2019

1 April 2019

Deadline for abstract submission

Notification of acceptance

Deadline for successful applicants to send in finalised abstract and full paper or research proposal

21 May 2019

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How to submit your abstract

Please consider the following guidelines and notes on submitting:

- Abstract length should be between 150 and 350 words (excl. title and author list). The language of the conference will be English; therefore the Committee will only accept submissions in English.
- Abstracts should clearly demonstrate relevance to the call and at least of the meeting themes.
- All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers who will evaluate them on the basis of the criteria listed below.
- If you have a draft paper or research proposal available, please submit it alongside the abstract.

To submit an abstract of your paper, please click [here](#).

For any enquiries relating to this call, please contact the IGL team at innovationgrowthlab@nesta.org.uk.

Selection of abstracts

The IGL Research Meeting Organising Committee and the IGL Scientific Committee will manage the review process for the proposals in the themes set out above, and decide about the balance between themes and projects at different stages of completion. Accepted abstracts will be included in the meeting programme. Please note researchers may be asked to act as discussants for other papers presented at the meeting.

The IGL Scientific Committee members are:

- Nick Bloom (Stanford University)
- Dietmar Harhoff (Max Planck Institute)
- Karim Lakhani (Harvard Business School)
- Josh Lerner (Harvard Business School)
- Fiona Murray (MIT Sloan School of Management)
- Mark Schankerman (LSE)
- Scott Stern (MIT Sloan School of Management)
- John Van Reenen (MIT Sloan School of Management)

The selection of abstracts will be based on the following criteria: relevance for the call; clarity and explicitness of the research aims and questions; methodological rigour; generalizability of lessons learned (if applicable); impact on the wider community (incl. policymakers and/or practitioners).

Registration

Submission of your paper or proposal does not automatically register you for the conference or the research meeting. If your abstract is accepted for presentation at the research meeting, you will be notified by 1 March 2019 and will then be invited to register and pay the relevant fees for the events online. Please note that participants are responsible for their own registration and travel costs.