**Getting Ready for HERDSA 2018 – supporting staff to write an effective submission**

The deadline for submissions to HERDSA 2018 (full paper, showcase or poster) is **5th February, 2018**.

Activities are planned, commencing from the week of 8th January, to support teaching staff to write one or more of:

* Poster abstract
* Refereed abstract (Showcase presentation)
* Refereed paper

The aim is to provide a collegial and supportive context (face to face and online) where you can:

* Discuss and refine your ideas for disseminating your learning and teaching research and teaching practice
* Decide the best submission type for you
* Start writing, supported by peer discussions and review
* Submit your abstract or full paper 5th February, 2018

The method:

* One day ‘writing boot camp’ – tentatively planned for the week starting **8th January**
* Date and location of the boot camp will be decided on basis of location of interested participants
  + if sufficient interest, we may run a second ‘boot camp’ day a week later or in a different location
* Bootcamp focus will be
  + 1:1 and group discussion to decide on topic and key structural elements for a logical argument
  + writing the abstract and identifying key points under each heading within the structure
* Followed by
  + Weekly online ‘shut up and write’ community of practice (writing at the same time = companionship and permission)
  + Asynchronous (but timely) request and receive feedback on drafts
  + Submission

Please note that attendance at HERDSA is subject to your normal School approval processes.

**To register your interest:**

Email [Steve.Drew@utas.edu.au](mailto:Steve.Drew@utas.edu.au) with the following details:

* Name
* Campus
* User name (so we can add you to a ‘Writing for HERDSA’ MyLO)
* Preferred dates for a ‘boot camp’
* Preferred location for a ‘boot camp’