

## TEFMA Conference 2025 Call for Abstract

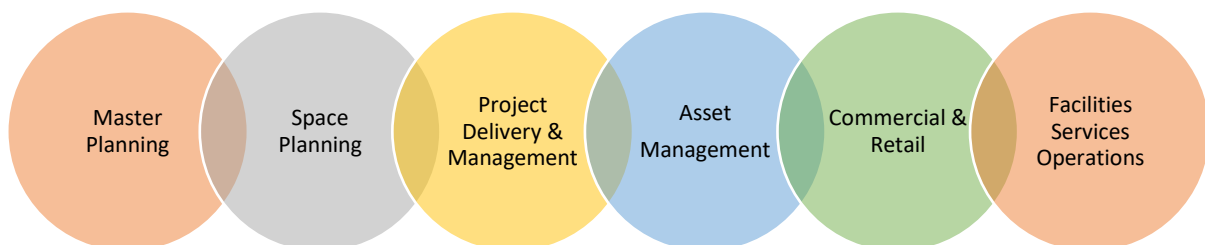
TEFMA's purpose is to guide and influence the transformation of the higher education built environment into a vibrant and sustainable community.

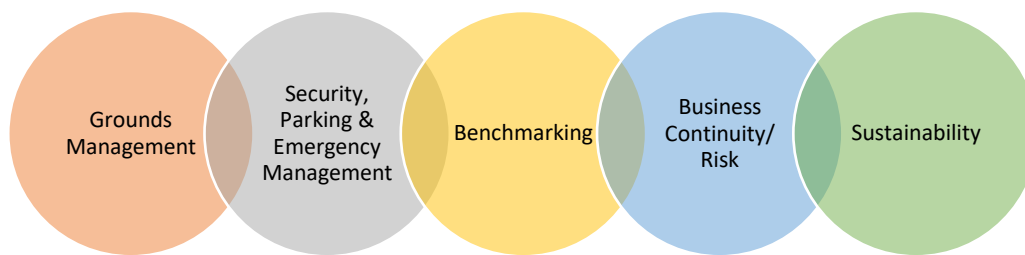
On the back of a successful TEFMA24 conference in Auckland, TEFMA is forging ahead with its commitment to members in providing opportunities/forum where we inspire each other to continuously grow and mature in our core service functions impacting progressively the strategic directions of the tertiary education sector.

The conference theme is ***BRIGHTER FUTURES | Facilities for the Future – Blending People, Property, Processes, and Platforms.***

- **BRIGHTER FUTURES** encapsulates the vision of facilities management (FM) as a transformative force in creating sustainable, efficient, and inclusive environments. The focus is on blending four essential pillars [People, Property, Processes, and Platforms] to drive innovation, foster collaboration, and prepare facilities for the dynamic challenges we face today, tomorrow and the future.
  - **People:** Empowering our University Community
  - **Property:** Sustainable and Resilient Environments
  - **Processes:** Streamlining Operations for Efficiency
  - **Platforms:** Leveraging Technology for Transformation

'Brighter Futures' aspires to catalytically enhance the key service areas that TEFMA and its members focus on:





TEFMA25 will endeavour to shed some light on some of the important agendas:

- **People: Empowering our University Community**

Facilities are ultimately for people, and empowering those who design, construct, manage, operate, and use them is at the heart of FM. Considering how FM can support the well-being, productivity, and success of students, staff, and stakeholders.

- Creating spaces that enhance our campus community and student experience.
- Staff development through training and upskilling in emerging technologies.
- Enhancing well-being through wellness programmes and ergonomic design.
- Building stronger partnerships and stakeholder interaction between FM teams, partners, and community.

- **Property: Sustainable and Resilient Environments**

Our campuses are the canvas where the vision of a brighter future unfolds. The conference will explore how facilities can be optimised to meet modern needs while prioritising environmental responsibility

- Sustainable design, construction, and retrofitting practices. Balancing technology, pedagogy, and environmental impact in academic environments.
- Innovations in smart building automation, controls, materials and design. Strategy asset management for teaching, research, and accommodation facilities.
- Financial resource allocation, energy efficiency, net-zero goals, and green certifications.

- **Processes: Streamlining Operations for Efficiency**

Modern FM requires rethinking traditional workflows to align with new demands and opportunities.

- Adopting lean FM practices to reduce waste and improve efficiency.
- Agile and flexible approaches to accommodate rapid changes.
- Responding quickly to political and external influences i.e. The University Accord, funding changes, international students policy
- Data-driven strategic asset management decision-making and innovation in maintenance, operations, and resource allocation.
- Enhancing safety and compliance in an evolving regulatory landscape.

- **Platforms: Leveraging Technology for Transformation**

Technology is revolutionising FM, creating smarter, more connected facilities.

- Integration of IoT, AI, and predictive analytics in FM systems.
- Cloud-based platforms for seamless communication and collaboration.

- Cybersecurity and data protection in digitalised operations.
- Virtual and augmented reality for training and space planning.
- Discussing how digital platforms, tools, and systems are shaping the future of space management and operations.

TEFMA are one of the key enablers for the tertiary education sector in their pursuit to deliver high quality teaching, learning and research. This reinforces the importance of Health, Safety and Wellbeing of our cohort, which enables us to transform ideas into reality.

### **Call for Abstract Process**

Abstracts must be submitted through the abstract submission portal. Topics considered should come under the above sub-themes, but areas outside of this and of interest to attendees will be considered.

Following the Call for Abstract Deadline, all abstracts will be made anonymous prior to review by the TEFMA25 Program Committee.

The Conference Organising Committee will make the final decisions for abstracts.

Following the review period all abstracts will be notified via email as to the status of their abstract.

### **Submission Instructions**

- Whilst you can come back to your submission/s at any time (before the submission deadline ends), once you have finished entering all details, please ensure you proceed all the way to the end to COMPLETE your submission. Otherwise, your abstract will not be reviewed.
- The submission portal used is 'Currinda'.
- Amendments can be made to your abstract until the submission deadline (8 May 2025). Simply log into your Currinda profile, select the abstract to amend and navigate through the top tabs to the sections you wish to change.
- An automatic acknowledgement email will be sent once your abstract submission is complete.
- Please note that the title must not be written in all caps, but in sentence case only.
- Login or create a Currinda account [here](#)
- Select the abstracts tab at the top of the dashboard
- Select the submit an abstract now button

[SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT HERE](#)

### **Guidelines**

Abstracts must meet the following guidelines to be considered:

- At least one author/presenter must be a University representative
- Abstracts must be submitted in English
- The abstract should be no more than 500 words

- The abstract should follow the layout of the below sections with each section being no more than 100 words:
  - Context
  - Relevance and focus
  - Method
  - Analysis
  - Learning objectives
- Each abstract must be supported with:
  - Full name, job title and organisation of proposed presenter/s
  - Bio of proposed presenter/s
  - You can upload supporting documents or images if required, but these must not be the abstract itself.
- Presentations at the TEFMA Conference will be for 30 minutes, this includes a recommended 10 minutes for Q&A.
- All abstracts that have been submitted recently to other conferences should not be submitted here. If your abstract is on a subject you have presented at previous TEFMA conferences, it must focus on new developments since then.
- By submitting an abstract presentation for inclusion in the program, the presenter grants TEFMA explicit permission to upload the presentation to the community portal following the event.
- You can return and edit your abstract any time before the submission end date of Thursday 8 May 2025, end of day.

To assist first-time submitters/presenters or even the seasoned presenters, a guidance document on how to develop/structure an abstract, selection criteria and presentation tips can be accessed on the conference website.

Please acknowledge that your abstract will only be accepted into the final program if you have a valid registration, abstract submission presenters will need to cover the standard conference costs.

### **Call for Abstract Timeline**

Call for Abstracts close – Thursday 8 May 2025

Review by Program Committee – May-June 2025

All abstracts notified of their status – Late June 2025

### **Questions**

For any questions, please contact the professional conference organiser at [events@tefma.com](mailto:events@tefma.com).