

Future Science Talks: Comedy Edition - info sheet

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Who can join this program?

Anyone who works in the field of science and research, particularly those in the early to mid-phase of their careers. Ideally, you are interested in making science fun!

We take a broad perspective on this definition and program participants have included researchers, academics, consultants, technical experts and more.

Subjects have included ecology, emojis, psychedelics, mental health, climate change, sanitation, infrastructure, and much more.

How does the program work?

You'll participate in 5 workshops and then be in a show at a major festival. Each workshop is aimed at helping you to weave humour into your talk. You'll be trained on comedy, speechwriting, presentation skills, stagecraft, and thinking quickly on your feet.

Do I need to be funny?

No! But you will be funny on stage, we guarantee it. There's a science to comedy, and we will teach you this. You'll be well supported in this journey together!

What am I presenting on stage?

A 10-minute talk related to your work, area of expertise or research. It will be 80% science, 20% humour. You'll have a PowerPoint presentation to go with your talk.

Do I need to pay?

The program is free for all participants. If you are selected to the program, we will discuss seeking a very small contribution from employers to assist with the rollout of the training.

How many people are in each program?

There are 15 people in each program. Each show has 5 people and runs for 60 minutes.

What are the benefits to being in the program?

Please see our testimonials and reach out directly to program participants on LinkedIn. Many have gone on to feature in TV and radio, including the National Science Quiz. The goal is to empower you to be more confident when speaking about your research.

Who delivers the program?

The program is conjoint between Future Science Talks and the Sydney Comedy School. The director, David Crisante, was head of media at three peak science and health organisations (WWF-Australia, Neuroscience Research Australia, Rural Doctors Network) and has trained thousands of subject matter experts. He worked with scientists to secure more than \$15m in funding for research and health projects, and is a former journalist and speechwriter.