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What's Next?

- Next month we will be diving deeper into the role of our Hub Coordinators and catching up to discuss how they have been working with the wider ACSS team to progress the Summit forward in new and exciting ways.
- Next month the ACSS is focusing on confirming the Summit's 2022 sponsors. This will also include a letter from the ANU College of Law and a comment from Cyber CX on today's cyber security environment.

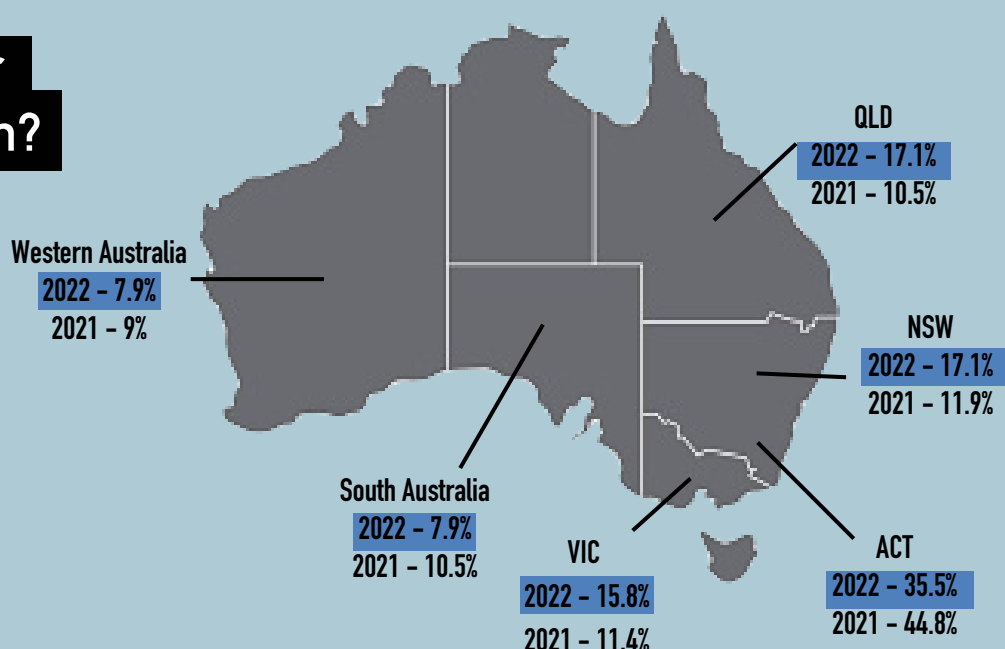


Delegate Application Analytics

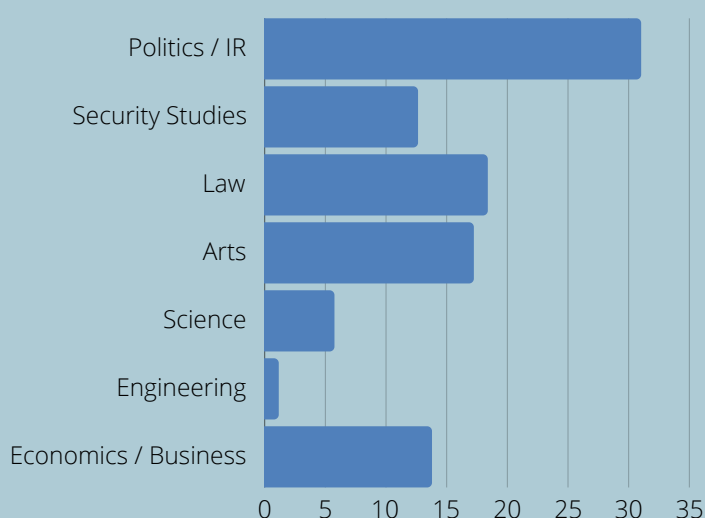
Today our delegate applications closed (31st of July) and we are happy to announce the ACSS has again received a large number of delegate applications from across the nation. This year the ACSS improved on delegate inconsistencies by attracting a more equal percentage of delegates from our Hub's respective states. Changes like this tell us that more young people across Australia are discovering the ACSS and wanting to get involved in the invaluable opportunity it offers.

2022 Delegate Application Analytics

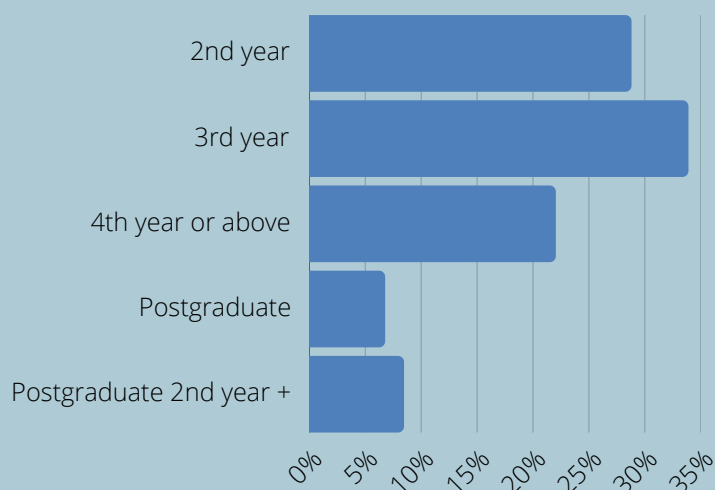
Where are our delegates from?



What do our delegates study?



Year of Study





Our 2022 Hub Coordinators

We are incredibly excited to be moving forward again with our Hub model in 2022. Our six Hubs across the country in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide will provide a fantastic opportunity for our delegates to have meaningful in-person engagement with like-minded individuals, whilst collaborating to solve problems that arise during the course of our three crisis simulations. In order to ensure that the ACSS remains accessible to anyone who wishes to participate, we will also be continuing with a Virtual Hub, which will also provide an opportunity for delegates to work closely together and form meaningful connections. Each Hub will be led by one of our ACSS Hub Coordinators, who serve as representatives of the ACSS team and provide an essential guiding hand to the delegates. The Hub Coordinators also have a significant logistical role, by organising the rollout of each Hub and its attendees. We invite anyone who is interested to attend one of our Hubs during the week of the Summit!



ABIGAIL MASTERS
HUB COORDINATOR
VIRTUAL HUB



ALASTAIR PAGE
HUB COORDINATOR
BRISBANE



ANGUS COLOVIC
HUB COORDINATOR
ADELAIDE



JESSICA WALTERS
HUB COORDINATOR
MELBOURNE



TUTTI COPPING
HUB COORDINATOR
SYDNEY

Hub Coordinator positions available:

The ACSS is opening applications for Hub Coordinator positions in Canberra and Perth. Please share this opportunity across your networks and feel free to email us any enquiries regarding these two roles.

[Applications can be found on our website.](#)



Update on Our Research and Education Team

I am really excited to be involved as the Head of Education and Research for the third iteration of the ACSS, in 2022. Studying a double bachelor degree of International Security Studies and Arts at the Australian National University, the ACSS represents an extremely unique and valuable opportunity for me to get a hands-on practical experience. For the last couple of months, the Education and Research team has been working hard to produce a variety of material for the delegates.



Liam Synan

Head of Research & Education, 2022

Team Outlook

Podcasts

Focusing on the team's major initiative for the year, 9+ podcasts have been planned, covering topics of terrorism and counterterrorism, the Ukrainian crisis, nuclear politics, and so much more. This will include 3 podcasts covering specific contextual information regarding the three simulations. Some of our confirmed speakers include; Sophie Saydan, Dr. Charles Miller, and Dr Nicolas Lemay-Hébert. The department of ANU Media has kindly offered their expertise and mentorship to help facilitate this. With the first podcast planned to be released on the 1st of September, the recordings will be shared with delegates, as well as the wider public, in the lead up to the summit.

Extra Supporting Material

Additionally, the team has also been working to produce a variety of supplementary educational materials and opportunities. These include the creation of pre-reading briefs for the simulations and the groundwork for the Crisis Responder Periodical (the commentary and analysis site of the ACSS). The team is also preparing a careers day in the Summit week that will feature a number of relevant public and private careers in national security.





Message from Academic Consultant

When the Founder of the Australian Crisis Simulation Summit, Tim Hobbs, contacted me in 2019 and said that he, and a group of his peers, wanted to establish a student led series of Australian national security crisis simulations, I was initially sceptical. However, Tim's vision and his passionate belief that simulations were a truly effective way of training 'the next generation of Australian national security leaders' were infectious. I assisted Tim and his team through 2019 and was so proud to help them launch and run the first ACSS in 2020.

It remains one of the great privileges of my professional career to have been asked to assist successive ACSS teams to run the Simulation Summit in the years following the events initial launch. I remain particularly grateful to the ANU College of Law, and especially the Dean, Prof Wheeler, and the Head of School, Prof Tony Connolly for ensuring the event has the support of the ANU College of Law.

I find all aspects of my role as an academic mentor extremely rewarding. It is stimulating for me to work with the student writers of the 'domestic crisis' simulation to design a crisis which is intellectually rigorous, and also realistic enough to allow delegates to practice the skills they will need if they intend to work in areas involving national security. As a researcher who specialises in Australia's domestic national security law framework, I enjoy helping the crisis writers to think about ways in which Australia's laws would come into play in the simulation scenarios. I have also had great fun taking on the role of various government officials while the scenarios are being run.

As I am watching the 2022 ACSS team develop this year's Summit, I am absolutely certain that it will be an incredibly dynamic event. Work designing the Simulations has commenced, and I am looking forward to seeing how I can best contribute to this event. In particular, I am looking forward to engaging with the successful delegates in this years' Summit. It is inspiring to watch delegates polish their national security leadership skills by participating in the event. See you in December !!



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What's Next

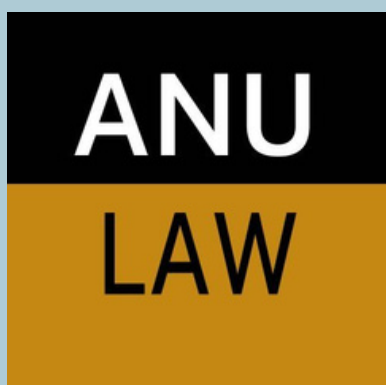
Progressing the ACSS through Hub Coordinator workshops

With the purpose of improving the 2022 ACSS Summit nationally, the Delegate Experience team has been working closely with the Hub Coordinators to address the following:

1. Improving the equality of experience between the hubs and prioritising the consistency of experience between all delegates.
2. Building the ACSS' foundational and institutional presence interstate through encouraging ideas external to the Canberra bubble to diversify thinking within the ACSS.
3. Proactively searching for and prioritising geographical, gender, cultural, linguistic, and knowledge diversity.
4. Prioritising wellbeing and social opportunities within the structure and scheduling of the Summit (including pre-Summit and post-Summit activities).
5. Incorporating Hub Coordinators more into the production of Crisis Responder Articles, Podcasts, and Panels



Next month we will be catching up with our Hub Coordinators from across the country to discuss what they are looking forward to about this year's Summit and how they are looking to build the experience for delegates in their respective hubs around Australia.



More sponsor reveals and a note from our current sponsors, the ANU College of Law and Cyber CX!

Next month we will be hoping to welcome back previous sponsors and reveal the new ones supporting the ACSS this year.

Over the last week we have confirmed Cyber CX as a 2022 sponsor and in next month's update we will be getting their professional insight on the threat and realities of cyber security in today's world. We will also be getting a comment from the ANU College of Law on why the ACSS is an invaluable out of classroom opportunity!