



FIRST CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Meteorological Society of New Zealand's annual conference will be held at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch from **23rd to 27th November**. We are delighted to announce that MetSoc and UC will be co-hosting our first-ever student-focused conference session on **Monday 23rd November and Tuesday 24th November***. The Society encourages students at all levels with an interest in meteorology, climate, atmospheric science and environmental science to participate. We aim to help students present their studies (presentation and poster sessions), improve research skills (workshop series) and obtain future career guidance (career talk session with professionals from various organizations and companies).

Presentations and workshops will focus on two major topics:

- Day 1 – Numerical atmospheric modelling.
- Day 2 – Observation and data analysis.

There are two presentation options of the student session:

1. Oral presentations – 10 minutes including Q&A.
2. Poster presentations.

We also have invited keynote presentations from experts in related fields each day. Details about the programme can be found in the agenda attached with this circulation.

If you wish to present and attend the workshop, please complete this [Google Form](#) to express your interest (for attendance and presentations) and to submit your abstract **by August 30th 2020**. Please direct any questions about the student sessions to Jiawei Zhang (jiawei.zhang@pg.canterbury.ac.nz). The registration fee for the student session is **FREE**. More details will be released in our future announcements.

We also encourage students to participate in the main conference sessions which will be held **from 25th to 27th November** at the same location. **Students can submit their abstract to both the main conference and student sessions.** The details of the main conference sessions can be found at the [conference webpage](#). Our society is committed to support students and grants are available to help students to attend the main conference sessions. If you are also attending the main conference sessions, please indicate your interest for the grants in the Google Form. If you have any questions regarding the student grants please get in touch with Michael Martens (Michael.Martens@metservice.com). We look forward to welcoming you to the Garden City – Christchurch.

* Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the conference and conference date may be subject to change. Particular care and consideration will be given to sufficient lead time should changes become necessary.