The Centre for Asian and Ethnic Minority Health Research and Evaluation (CAHRE) at The University of Auckland invites abstracts for its National Symposium 2024 on the theme, Working Together: Collaborating and Partnering for Asian and Ethnic Minority Health Gains.

Hosted by the University of Auckland’s CAHRE, the symposium is a two-day event open to academics and researchers, policymakers and service managers, clinicians, community practitioners, and students who work in or are interested in Asian and Ethnic Minority (A/EM) health. It provides an opportunity to hear from the experts about current research, develop collaborations, meet, interact and build networks. The programme includes a keynote lecture, workshops, plenary sessions, parallel sessions, and networking events.

The symposium will be held in-person at the University of Auckland, Grafton.

Working Together: Collaborating and Partnering for A/EM Health Gains

There is increasing recognition that the collaboration and partnerships underpin the successful advancement of health and wellbeing of A/EM communities. Such partnerships could include those within and between academia, community, government, advocacy groups, creative sectors, and the private sector spanning the international and the local.

The Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) bill came into force in 2022 providing for a new structure for the publicly funded health system, in order to protect, promote, and improve the health of all New Zealanders. Its success hinges on inter-sectoral collaborations and partnerships between academia, health New Zealand and community organisations and community are fundamental to the success of the health reform.

Good collaborative culture means ushering in partnerships to overcome sector barriers creating greater impact on policy and practice. Partnerships revitalise knowledge production as well as knowledge translation and impact. CAHRE 2024 seeks to draw attention to the myriad ways in which individuals and groups collaborate for A/EM health, bringing together diverse perspectives, skills, and strengths in order to augment impact, expedite research, and facilitate pathways to address major challenges facing health inequities. It also provides an opportunity to acknowledge and understand similarities and differences in concepts, methodologies, and working styles across disciplines and sectors.
The theme of *Working Together* invites presenters and participants of CAHRE 2024 to take stock of the health status of A/EM populations through the way we connect as a community.

We invite papers on any of the following themes:

- Cross-disciplinary and cross-sector research collaborations
- Partnerships for health delivery
- Partnerships for disease prevention and health promotion
- Collaborations in specific health issues or populations: cardiovascular health, violence, mental health, women’s health, child and youth health, health of older people, cancers
- Private sector as a health partner
- Digital health communities
- Pae Ora and collaborations
- Partnerships for advancing health policy
- International collaborations

The aims of the symposium are:

1. To facilitate discussion and debate around collaboration and partnerships for health gains of A/EM communities.
2. To provide an opportunity for A/EM researchers including research students and early-mid-career researchers to network and form collaborative links with multiple stakeholders in ways they might not otherwise have done.
3. To enable colleagues from non-research settings to hear about latest research and network with academic researchers.

We welcome abstracts for contributions on, but not restricted to, the above theme of the following types.

**Papers** (15 Minutes) — Oral presentations based on planned, ongoing or completed research, policy/community initiatives, programmes or interventions.

**Poster Presentation** (all day) — poster displays on ongoing research, community programmes and initiatives are encouraged.

**Submission**

Abstracts should be 250 words maximum, including for posters. Please include in the submission: (a) Author/s name, (b) academic or professional affiliation, (c) abstract title, (d) email and phone number. At least one author for each paper must have a paid registration.

**Abstract submission open: Monday May 13**

Profiles of keynote speakers to follow.

Details on registrations to follow.