The 9th eSTEeM Annual Conference
Informing Student Success – From Scholarship to Practice

Conference dates: 29-30 April 2020

Call for abstracts guidelines

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The 9th eSTEeM Annual Conference invites the submission of abstracts for the following session types:

- Poster presentations
- Short oral presentations
- Ignite presentations
- Workshops/demonstrations

Submissions relating to the following themes are invited:

- Assessment and feedback
- Employability
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Innovations in assessment
- International partnerships
- Online/onscreen STEM practice
- STEM Open Educational Resources
- STEM outreach
- Students as partners in scholarship of teaching and learning
- Supporting students
- Technologies for STEM learning
- Other (please specify)

All presentations will be scheduled across the two days except the Ignite presentations which will take place on day 1.

Key dates for your diary

Submission of abstracts

9 December 2019	Call for abstracts opens
14 February 2020	Submission deadline for abstracts
6 March 2020	Authors notified of outcome of abstract submissions

Registration for conference

9 March 2020	Registration opens
3 April 2020	Registration closes
29-30 April 2020	The 9th eSTEeM Annual Conference: Informing Student Success – From Scholarship to Practice

Submissions of posters and presentations

31 March 2020	Deadline for submission of PDF final copy posters which we will arrange to have printed.
24 April 2020	Deadline for submission of PowerPoint presentations for short orals, if you wish to have it pre-loaded onto the room PC/laptop, also presentations for the Ignite session.

Guidance on each session type

Poster presentations (Abstract 150 – 300 words)

Posters can be submitted for presentation as part of an hour session where conference delegates will be invited to vote for the best poster. For those in the early stages of their projects, posters should include a brief description of your project, what you're intending to do, how you are going to do it and what you're expecting to find/achieve/develop at the end of it. Alternatively, your poster can be an update on your progress so far or the outcomes of your project.

Posters will continue to be displayed throughout the conference and can be accompanied by handouts.

Short oral presentations (Abstract 250 – 500 words)

Short oral presentations are part of a chaired session which includes a number of short presentations (15 - 20 minutes). Presentations should analyse innovative work in progress and must be clearly linked to the themes of eSTEeM. Time should also be left for discussion and questions.

Future Innovative Scholarship – Ignite presentations (Abstract 250 – 500 words)

We would like to invite proposals for a new feature of the 2020 eSTEeM conference, Ignite-style presentations. This session is intended to stimulate the exchange of new and exciting ideas in a short time period. Ignite-style presentations will be scheduled for 60 minutes on Day 1 of the conference. These presentations will consist of between five and eight, 5-minute talks presented in the Ignite-style. Each Ignite-style talk will feature 15 slides that advance automatically every 20 seconds. Although there will be no time scheduled between individual presentations for questions and answers, the remainder of the session time will be used for extended questions and discussion.

The theme of this Ignite session is 'Future Innovative Scholarship'. We would like you to use the ignite format to showcase your idea/s for your next scholarship projects. What would you research, create or innovate to improve teaching and learning in the OU STEM Faculty? This is the time to get creative, blue skies thinking and money no object!

The Q and A discussion phase of this session will help support your future project scoping and planning and ensure your good ideas become reality.

Workshops/demonstrations (Abstract 250 – 500 words)

Workshop/demonstration sessions are up to 1 hour. Demonstrations must provide participants with a simulated student/tutor experience, e.g. using new e-learning tools or devices, immersive environments, etc. You might want to allow time for debriefing with participants in order to discuss their experience of the simulated activity.

Abstracts should provide a brief description of the activity/session.

Guidelines for abstract submissions

Please use the online abstract submission form which can be found at http://www3.open.ac.uk/forms/esteemconf2020abstractsubmission. Please submit separate submissions for each session being proposed.

Each abstract submitted should be an accurate summary of the planned presentation/session. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference booklet.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday 14 February 2019**.

Further information

Equipment

Posters will be displayed on poster boards and printed to A1 size. Posters may be accompanied by handouts/supplementary materials.

Short oral presentations will be in groups of 3/4. PC and projection facilities will be provided.

The Ignite session will consist of between 5-8 presentations; each talk will feature 15 slides that advance automatically every 20 seconds. PC and projection facilities will be provided

Author(s) of the **workshop/demonstration** sessions are to specify on the abstract submission form if they have any special equipment/room requirements beyond a PC and projection facilities and we will try our best to accommodate you.

Printing posters
Please submit your final poster in PDF format. We will provide you with the eSTEeM poster template and arrange for the printing of your poster.

Queries
If you have any queries, please contact the conference team at esteem@open.ac.uk.