The 13th eSTEeM Annual Conference: Sharing Scholarship and Best Practice: Implementing What Works

Conference dates: 10-11 April 2024, Walton Hall and via MS Teams

Call for Abstracts Guidelines

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The 13th eSTEeM Annual Conference invites the submission of abstracts for the following session types:

- Poster presentations
- Short oral presentations
- Workshops/demonstrations
- Teaching innovation talks

Submissions relating to the following themes are invited:

- Continuation and completion
- Access, Participation and Success
- Assessment and feedback
- Student support
- Employability
- Innovations in STEM teaching and learning
- Sustainability in the STEM curriculum
- Other (please specify)

The conference will be hybrid with attendance welcomed in person or online. However, we would like all presenters to attend and deliver their presentation in person. If this is not possible, please contact esteem@open.ac.uk to discuss your needs/requirements.

Key dates for your diary

Submission of abstracts

w/c 4 December 2023	Call for abstracts opens.
26 January 2024	Submission deadline for abstracts.
9 February 2024	Authors notified of outcome of abstract submissions.

Registration for conference

19 February 2024	Registration opens.
15 March 2024	Registration closes.
10-11 April 2024	The 13th eSTEeM Annual Conference: Sharing Scholarship and Best Practice: Implementing What Works.

Submissions of posters and presentations

28 March 2024	Deadline for submission of pre-recorded poster presentations and PowerPoint poster.
5 April 2024	Deadline for submission of presentations (e.g., PowerPoint) for short orals, workshops/demonstrations and teaching innovation talks.

Guidance on each session type

Poster presentations (Abstract 150 – 300 words)

As this year's conference will again be hybrid, we are inviting poster presenters to pre-record a voiceover to accompany their poster which should be a single PowerPoint slide suitable for viewing onscreen. You can be as creative/imaginative as you like, but the recording should be a maximum of 2 minutes. Recordings will be available to view prior to the conference allowing those delegates who are attending the conference online to watch poster presentations.

Posters will also be printed and displayed throughout the conference. A poster presentation session will take place for those delegates attending the conference in person.

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. Your poster may be accompanied by handouts.

All delegates will be invited to vote for the best poster presentation. The votes from in person delegates and those from online participants will be collated to determine the winning poster.

Short oral presentations (Abstract 250 – 500 words)

Short oral presentations are part of a chaired session which includes a number of short presentations (15 mins max) on similar topics. Presentations should analyse innovative work in progress or recently completed. Time should be left for questions and discussion.

Workshops/demonstrations (Abstract 250 – 500 words)

Workshop or demonstration sessions are up to 1 hour. Demonstrations should provide participants with an opportunity to view and discuss practical activities. You may wish to allow time for debriefing with participants in order to discuss their experiences of the activity. Abstracts should provide a brief description of the activity/session. Please bear in mind that sessions will also have delegates attending online.

Teaching Innovation talks (Abstract 150-300 words)

These talks are part of a chaired session which includes a number of very short presentations (5 mins max). Presentations should discuss module/programme level initiatives, concentrating on what works and how it has improved the student experience. Time will be left at the end of the session for questions and discussion.

Guidelines for abstract submissions

Please use the online abstract submission form – https://bit.ly/47Uz3nG

Your abstract 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 **17.00 on Friday 26th January 2024.**

Further information

We will provide you with a poster template and arrange for the printing of your poster which will be displayed on poster boards and printed to A1 size. Recorded poster presentations will be made available via the eSTEeM YouTube channel.

Short oral presentations and teaching innovation talks will be in groups of 3/4. PC/laptop and projection facilities will be available.

Workshops/demonstrations: author(s) of abstracts will be contacted to discuss their requirements.

Please note that presentations could be scheduled on either day of the conference so presenters should keep both dates available until notified of whether their abstract has been accepted.

Queries

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